



Gathering: **GOD OF WONDERS** Praise Team

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **SANCTUARY** Praise Team

\*Call to Worship

- L. Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:
- C. I am the way, the truth, and the life.**
- L. In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:
- C. I am the way, the truth, and the life.**
- L. In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:
- C. I am the way, the truth, and the life.**
- L. In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:
- C. I am the way, the truth, and the life.**
- L. Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.
- C. Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!**

Prayer Concerns

Prayer for Today

\*Hymn: **COME MY WAY** p. 164

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Acts 7:55-60 Liturgist  
John 14:1-14 Pastor Darick

Message

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God:**

**We claim that you sent Jesus to us to take away the sin of the world and to say that we are part of that sin. Maybe our small errors add up; or maybe there is no degree to sin, that one is as hurtful as another. Help us not to dwell on vocabulary. Help us not to focus on what sin means but to acknowledge that we do things that hurt other people, and the creation, and ourselves, and you. Come into our hearts, then, and give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and more loving. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us how this is done. AMEN**

**Holy Communion**

\*Hymn: **See Ye First the Kingdom of God** p. 405

\*Benediction

\*Postlude **Blessed Be Your Name**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Prayer Requests for May 3, 2026

Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker  
Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker  
Beverly Loftis  
Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham  
Bob Hubbard and Family  
Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker  
Alice Baldwin  
Mary Frances Combs  
Bob and Karen Tate, Bev Hart's brother in law  
Cathy Henley Lankford  
Angie, mother of Katie (Cross of Grace)  
Quinlan, sister of Diana Beane  
Cindi Knopp  
Cindy Shope  
Lela Ann Carroll by the Downeys  
Ann McComas  
Larry Winter, brother of Claudia Bowles.  
Steve Perry  
Adam Shope, Nancy Crawford's nephew  
Amy Holbrooke by Nancy Crawford  
Melissa Scharrep  
Jeff Weiler, Jeannie White's nephew  
Bobby Sadler, cousin of Randi Robinson  
Norma King  
Barbara Asbury  
Sue Ann Holstein  
Families affected by the explosion in Nitro  
All students who are preparing to take final exams

### IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES!

>> May 24, 2026, is Pentecost Sunday, will be the last week that we meet at 9:30 AM.

>> May 31, 2026 is a Fifth Service Sunday and we will be meeting at St. Peter's UMC at 11:00. We will have more information for you about the Fifth Sunday Service next week.

>> June 7, 2026 is the day the time of our worship hour will **RETURN TO 11:00 AM!** May 31, 2026, is a Fifth Service Sunday and we will be meeting at St. Peter's UMC. We will have more information for you about the Fifth Sunday Service next week.

### "STAMP OUR HUNGER" THIS SATURDAY

The U.S. Postal Service will be collecting non-perishable food this Saturday as your mail is delivered. All you have to do is leave it on your porch. There are many people in our community who simply do not have enough food and who depend on their monthly visit to the St. Albans Food Pantry located at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on B Street. **There is a HUGE NEED for volunteers from 1:00-5:00** to sort the incoming food by category and to write dates on cans and boxes. You don't need to bring anything—just your willing hands!

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Again this year, the Church is pleased to be able to offer Academic Financial Assistance to College and Technical students who are members of St. Andrew UMC or families of members. Please visit the church website ([www.sasaumc.org](http://www.sasaumc.org)) and view the **Scholarship Page** under **Outreach**. There you may learn more about the Scholarship program and how to apply. The due date for submitting applications is May 10, 2026. If you have questions please contact Ernie Downey 304-545-7857.