

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

**Visitors:** Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Welcome Centers located at our two main entrances, or at the Visitor Center in Fellowship Hall.

**Our nursery is always open on Sundays!** Parents are invited to bring their small children to Room 4 (ask any usher for directions), where our excellent nursery staff will love and engage your children while you worship.

**The Heart of God's Story:** Join this class as Pastor Diane guides you in taking a look at the whole story of the Bible. Class begins Monday, June 12th at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5, and runs for 6 weeks. The class includes a book for \$15, purchased the first day of class.

**Jesus and the Gospels:** Join the Inquisitors as we view and discuss *Jesus and the Gospels*, presented by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. The last class meets on Friday, June 2nd, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Spiritual Life Center. You will experience Jesus as you have never experienced him before. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 520-396-3549.

**Owl Express:** Do you like driving a Golf Cart? We need drivers for our Owl Express Carts to pick up members who need a ride from their cars to the church front doors. Specifically, we need drivers for Father's Day, June 18th, the months of July, August and September. Please contact Pam Peake (520-955-2342) if you would like to drive an Owl Express Cart. You'll have fun and help someone at the same time.

**Women's Ministries Table** will be open today to answer any questions you may have about our ministry, and to encourage you to be part of it. The table will not be opened during June or July. Please continue to collect toiletries, coupons for education, and pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We will be accepting them again in August. Thank You!

**Cardio Drumming** The class meets twice a week on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

**Parish Nurse Chris Erickson and Rev. Paul Phillips** will conduct a class on, "*Your Whole Life - Eating Right; Living Well; Loving God.*" The class will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, June 8th, 15th and 22nd in the Spiritual Life Center. Hope to see you there!

**Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship:** Get out of the heat! Mark your calendars for Tuesdays in June at noon in Classroom 5. Pack a brown bag lunch and join in fellowship and lively discussion. No homework, no reports, no pressure—just enjoyment! For more information, contact Marcia MacDonald at 625-2838.

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

**Coffee Fellowship**

Barbara Dittmer, Gail Gesell

**Medical Team**

Doug Clark

**Information Center**

Bonnie Fleming

**Owl Express**

Cara Bissell, John Ireland

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

John Vold, Sandy Vold

**Flowers given by:** La Rue Haff

**In loving memory of Ken Haff. Sweetheart, hope things are glorious "UP" there.**

Donaldina Joung

**In memory of my grandson, Brandon Barmore**

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**

Catherine Egender May 18

**VPC Office Closures**

Starting in June and continuing through September, the front office will be closed for the entire day each Friday. In October we will return to being open Friday mornings until noon.



Each Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., *The Source* offers a unique experience of worship in the Spiritual Life Center.  
*Enter the church using the door by the fountain.*

**Wednesday, May 31—A Singing Children's Service**

Songs and hymns you used to sing as a child.



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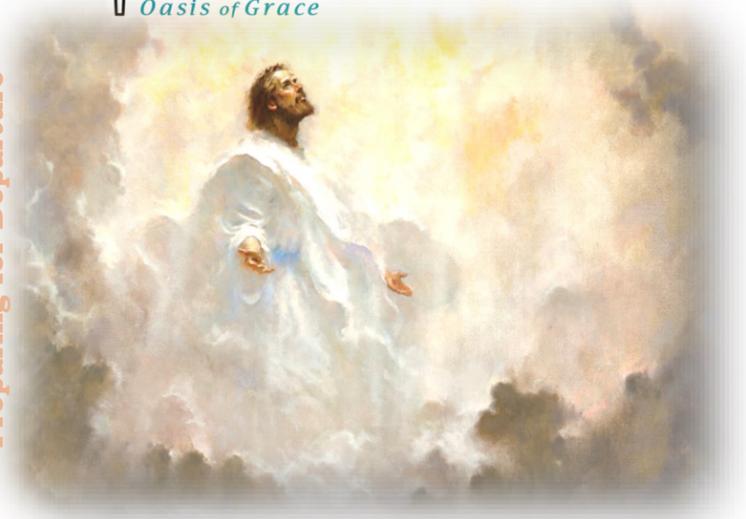


REV. MARK A. MEDINA, *Transitional Pastor*  
REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

REV. PAUL PHILLIPS, *Pastor of Care*  
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*  
STEVE RODINE, *Church Administrator*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*  
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*

"Preparing for Departure"



**To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.**

9:30 a.m.

May 28, 2017

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O God of glory,  
your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us  
and ascended to your right hand.  
Unite us with Christ and each other,  
in suffering and in joy,  
that all your children may be drawn  
into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Diane Christopher  
*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**PRELUDE** *Prelude on "America"* Roger Wilson

**INTROIT 2152** *Change My Heart, O God* Change My Heart

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 47 Rev. Mark Medina

L: *Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!*  
P: **For God has ascended with shouts of triumph, and trumpet fanfare!**  
L: *Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!*  
All: **Our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives. Let's worship God together.**

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit

✠HYMN 150 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Madrid

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our Resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we remain static in our response to you. Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. Gracious God, we now lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 280 *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1) Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

ANTHEM *We Will Glorify* Twila Paris  
Sanctuary Choir

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;  
we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;  
we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Let all who own Christ's holy name Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.

Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to  
God all praise and glory!

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;  
hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM; the great I AM;  
He is the great I AM!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

YOUTH CHAT

*Immediately following the message, youth in grades 1-6  
will go to Classroom 3 for Sunday School.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Deacon Lee Ann Calhoun

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 47 (*Pew Bible p. 885*)  
*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 (*Pew Bible p. 1644*)  
*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Preparing for Departure" Rev. Mark Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠HYMN 142 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Coronation

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Consolation in D-flat Major* Franz Liszt

✠DOXOLOGY 592 Old One Hundredth  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN 146 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Vineyard Haven

✠BENEDICTION

*Please greet one another as the Pastors and Choir exit the Sanctuary*

✠POSTLUDE *Postlude on Materna* David Hughes

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

*Worship Aids/Sermon Notes*

Sermon Title: "Preparing for Departure"

Scripture Readings:

**Psalm 47 (NIV)**

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth! He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet. He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

**Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)**

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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**Hymns are an integral part of worship!** If you have a favorite hymn, please write it down, or, email it to Rev. Mark Medina so we can consider it for future worship services. Thank you.