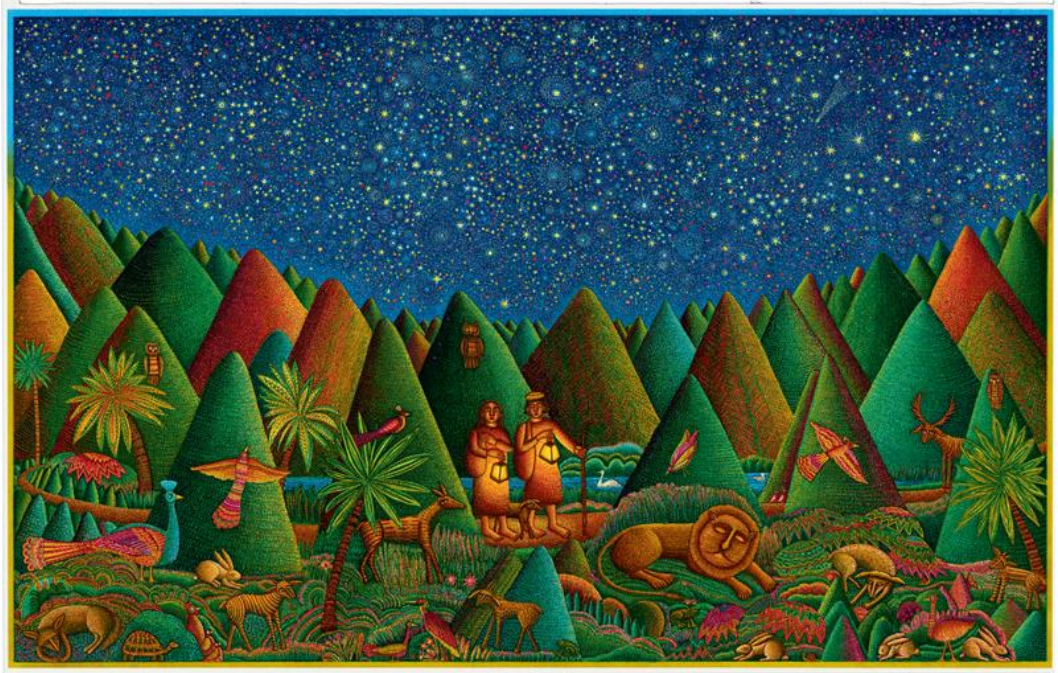

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

WELCOME!

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

About Our Worship: As Christians in the Episcopal (*episcopal=church with bishops*) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship since the sixteenth century. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Worshipping with Children: We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. In order to reduce cross-contamination, each household has a designated bag. If you are new, we invite you to pick up a bag with a "New Friend" tag.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway behind the stairs. Exit through the front or rear doors and make a right at the double doors.

EASTERTIDE

Easter tide is a 50-day season lasting from Easter until the feast of Pentecost. It lasts 50 days because after the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost (the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the followers of Jesus). Eastertide is a festive continuation and observance of Christ's victory over sin, darkness, and death through his resurrection. The Paschal Candle—symbolizing the pillar of fire by which God led the Hebrews out of Egypt toward the promised land and the light of Christ that death cannot vanquish—sits prominently in the sanctuary among us to provide continuing inspiration for us to hear and discern what it means to be resurrection people. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold, which is the color of feast days and resurrection.

+You are invited to stand.

BCP=*Book of Common Prayer*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+Opening Greeting	BCP 323
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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

+Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People
The Peace

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

+Offertory & Doxology

All things come of thee O Lord:
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
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The Blessing	

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

+The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in joy. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+ = You are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Larson

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Hymnal 450
vv. 1-3, 6

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

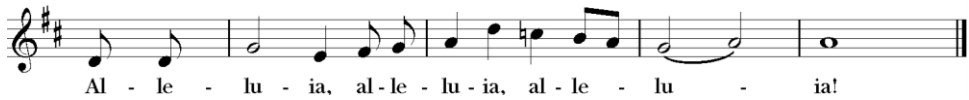
This is the feast of victory

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, _____ whose



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of life. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:36-43

Today's lesson is a complex story. It captures the power of the Spirit at work in the early church (which is what the entire book of Acts is about), including that of Dorcas, who the author Luke calls a female disciple (despite modern-day claims that there were no female disciples). Dorcas had a heart for widows and the downtrodden and did what she could to lift them up and honor them. This lesson also details her death and miraculous healing, a story that confounds and surprises to this day.

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them.

Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

This psalm celebrates God's loving care for us under the guise of a good shepherd who provides food, security, and protection from dangers.

¹ O GOD you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² **You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.**

³ You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of GOD for ever.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON *Revelation 7:9-17*

Before the opening of the seventh seal, John sees a vision of the assured victory of God and God's people. The innumerability and ethnic diversity of "the great multitude," in contrast to the 144,000 from the 12 Jewish tribes, suggests the catholicity (universality) of the Church.

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

“Victory belongs to our God
 who sits on the throne,
 and to the Lamb.”

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory
 and wisdom and thanksgiving
 and honor and power and might
 be to our God forever and always. Amen.”

Then one of the elders said to me, “Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?”

I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

Then he said to me, “These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

+THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 10:22-30*

Earlier in his Good Shepherd discourse, Jesus focused on the role of the door and of the shepherd; now he develops the role of the sheep. Some people are unresponsive, not because Jesus has not done the works of a shepherd, but because they are not of the flock; they are willfully blind..

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, “How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I have told you, but you don’t believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you don’t believe because you don’t belong to my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED *(all)*

The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of belief, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th and 5th centuries in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. It does not proscribe belief so much as it narrates the Christian story and establishes a framework for Christian identity and engagement in the world. The term apostolic refers to the historic succession of the apostles through our bishops and the apostles' teaching. The term catholic refers to the universal church throughout the world.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence:

“Father, keep us; **Jesus, lead us.**”

Intercessor

Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: all mothers; those who have been as mothers to us; those who long to be mothers; those who miss their mothers; and those for whom this day is hard. We pray for the Diocesan Confirmation Service and those who are to be confirmed.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear and presence of evil.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need. We pray for those on our prayer list: **Natasha, Debbie, Tony, Stephanie, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Dick, Tom, Vera, Irene,**

Betty, Sarah, Barbara, Nancy, George, Kevin, Sheila, Arthur, Richie, Debbie, Jack, and, Susi.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never parish. Bring us, and those who have died, including James Nokes, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever.

silence

Father, keep us; **Jesus lead us.**

The Celebrant will add a closing prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, you're invited to greet your neighbor in a spirit of peace.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God the first fruits of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money given. You may place your offering in the offering tray or scan the QR code to give securely online. We are grateful for your generosity.



CHORAL ANTHEM

Because He Lives

Gaither

**Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of enslavement you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed and you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-

giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb, and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
People **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken, which symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Come to this table where the living Christ offers us bread broken for our journeying and wine poured out for our tears. Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise and despair is transformed into hope. Whoever you are, whatever you bring, hear the risen Christ call your name; and accept God's invitation to new life.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant Behold who you are.

People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to feast here. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN *My shepherd will supply my need*

Hymnal 664

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Piney Song Book 72

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

St. Denio

Young

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Natasha Benn, Debbie Chaney, Tony Hackley, Stephanie Mohney, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Dick Leman, Tom May, Vera Otto, Irene Savoy, Betty Wilson, Sarah P., Barbara F., Nancy J., George D., Kevin B., Sheila L., Arthur K., Richie C., Debbie C., Jack C., Susi W.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for all mothers and those who have been as mothers to us. Diocesan Confirmation Service (May 14) Pray for those who are to be confirmed.

Dearly Departed: James Nokes, close friend of Sewell Truitte

Community and World: the people of Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, and Yemen; those suffering from COVID-19

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

This Week's Reflection Questions

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks. . . . All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST WORSHIP & PICNIC

Save the date! Join us June 5 for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by picnic and games at 10:30. Pentecost is the day Jesus's Spirit descended on all his followers giving birth to the Church throughout all ages.

YARD SALE

Our yard sale benefiting community and outreach ministries will be held on Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4. We are now accepting donations for the yard sale.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS

Upcoming available dates: May 29 and July 24. Please complete the form with payment in the Welcome Center or contact the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or (301) 645-5000 to sign up. Thank you.

YOUTH HIKING TRIP

Today is the last day to sign up for the youth hiking trip to Great Falls National Park on Saturday, May 14. We will carpool and depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. All participants must have a permission form. See Deacon Steve or Mother Maria.

WHOLEHEARTED FAITH BOOK STUDY

Join Mother Maria for a discussion of *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans's final book *Wholehearted Faith*. Meetings will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays, May 18-June 8, 7-8 p.m. Sign up on Realm under Events.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 8, Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, May 14

- 8:00 a.m. Youth Group - Great Falls Hike
- 8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	May 8, 8:00	May 8, 10:15
Acolytes		Colin Finley Elizabeth Finley Sub Requested
Chalice & 2nd Lesson		Debbie Brown
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown	Jerry Corbett
Lector	Fred Ritter	Charlie Gaumont
Ushers	Phil & Judy Hamilton	Grant Pettersen Troy Pettersen
Live Stream		Terrance Frierson
Coffee Hour	The Mumfords	Elaine Miller
Altar Guild	Anita Wilson, Michelle Wilson	
Counter	Mike Fritz, Deanna Gerhart, Tracy Monroe	
	May 15, 8:00	May 15, 10:15
Acolytes		Bebe Frierson Femi Frierson Ife Frierson
Chalice & 2nd Lesson		Terrance Frierson
Prayers of the People	Wendy VanHoozier	Paula Truitte
Lector 1st Lesson & Psalm	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Sewell Truitte
Ushers	Fern Brown Joyce Scofield	Greg Ferguson Kathy Fornadley
Live Stream		Kelly Bryant
Coffee Hour	Available	Sewell & Paula Truitte
Altar Guild	Cathy Lavender, Laraine Tuttle	

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