

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday | May 3 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.**



Many Rooms, Jan Richardson

Pastoral Care Sunday

Preacher

Judy Yates Siker

Liturgists

Cate Church Norman | Jim Ferry | Tom Harris | Lee Hunter

Musicians

Eric Wall, Eric Nanz, Handbell Choir, Youth Choir

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Gathering

** Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.*

Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

The sounds of bells summon us to gather for worship.

PRELUDE

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

by Sebastian Temple

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

We trust in God; we trust in Christ.

In God's house there are many dwelling places.

There's a place prepared in love for each of us.

Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

We come seeking the path that leads to God.

Christ shows the way through marvelous works.

With believing hearts, we join in the work.

*HYMN 402

How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE

*CONFESSION AND
ASSURANCE OF
GOD'S GRACE

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home! Ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

calling, O sinner, come home!

Gracious and loving God, Christ came among us to show us the way, and yet we wander down paths of our own choosing. Christ lived among us demonstrating how to love one another, and yet we withhold love from others and even from ourselves. The risen Christ continues to call us into caring for one another, and yet we often put conditions on who or when or how or where we are willing to help. Forgive us, we pray. Draw us back to your way, your truth, your life, teaching us to trust more deeply, love more fully, and follow you more faithfully. Receive and restore us in Christ's name.

(A time for silent prayer.)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,

pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home! Ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,

calling, O sinner, come home!

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM (9:30)

Jackson Booth Cain, child of Brad and Hayley Cain



1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap-tized.
2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap-tized.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TIME WITH
YOUNG DISCIPLES
(11:00)

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

READING

Psalm 31:1-5

READING

John 14:1-14

SERMON

How Can We Know?

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

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PRAYERS OF
THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**



Scan to Give

My hands are your hands to pray and to serve,
to do works of justice, to heal where there is hurt,
to touch the untouchable as God did in the flesh.
Greater works you said we'll do if in your name we'll ask.

*I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God;
keep my hand on the gospel plow, never gonna stop.
I want to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God.
I'm gonna build it up until I get home.*

My feet are your feet to go where you please,
clothed in your righteousness with the gospel of peace.
I'll run and not get weary, walk and not faint,
strengthened by your Spirit to run this Christian race.

My tongue is your tongue, to speak your holy word,
spreading the gospel, to bless and not curse,
to sing with the angels their song from above.
I dedicate my life to you: an offering of love.

*AFFIRMATION OF
FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

We Go In God's Name

*HYMN 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
choir singing Spanish, then all singing English

ENVIADO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The banner hanging in the chancel of Main Hall is hung every year during Eastertide and was commissioned in 1998 by Presbyterian Women in memory of Peter Cameron Carruthers, 1947 - 1996. Pete was Associate Pastor at WMPC 1987 - 1996.

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Sanctuary renovations!](#)



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Joys & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Martha Snow Coffey – April 24

WMPC family members: grandchild, William Fields and wife, Meghan Fields; and great-grandchild, Hadley McCullough Fields

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Alana Nanz and family, on the death of her mother, Helene Mary Read, April 21, Jacksonville, FL

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church, email Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org or Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org.

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, call the Pastoral Care line, 919-834-3425, ext. 210 or email Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org so our pastoral staff can reach out.

If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, May 3

- Jody Grayson Celebration
- Believing & Belonging

Monday, May 4

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball
- Tai Chi

Tuesday, May 5

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga
- Mahjong

Wednesday, May 6

- Chair Yoga
- Lectio Divina
- Yin Yoga
- Note in the Pocket
- Pickleball
- Wednesday Together Dinner

Thursday, May 7

- Keenagers
- Note in the Pocket
- AARP Safe Driving Class
- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, May 8

- Pickleball

Saturday, May 9

Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.
whitememorial.org/events | Register for events: whitememorial.org/register

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | C300

Support for those grieving a companion animal. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE JODY GRAYSON WITH US

Sunday, May 3

12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Join us as we celebrate Jody Grayson and her 31 years of faithful service as Finance Director. To offer a gift of appreciation, visit whitememorial.org/give or leave a note in the baskets located in the Ross building.

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS

Thursday, May 7

12:30 - 4:00 p.m. | C301

Join us for this AARP safe driving class. Fee to be paid at the class: \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. Bring your AARP card, and cash or check to the class.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Monday, May 11

12:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Let's come together for a joyful celebration at our final luncheon of the year! Please reserve your lunch **by noon on Tuesday, May 5.**

"FROM SHADOWS TO FREEDOM: LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF ANXIETY"

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us for a session with Wojciech Szczerba, who will share personal memories of growing up under communism in Poland.

BACKPACK BUDDIES + OBERLIN ROAD DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY Ongoing Collection

Help provide weekend meals and food for local families and students. Donate or volunteer via the church website.

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION

August 14-16, 2026

Montreat Retreat Center

Join us for a weekend of worship, learning, and fellowship in the beauty of the mountains. Registration is now open at whitememorial.org/register.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org.

Things to Know

Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages

Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at whitememorial.org, Facebook and YouTube

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your best courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



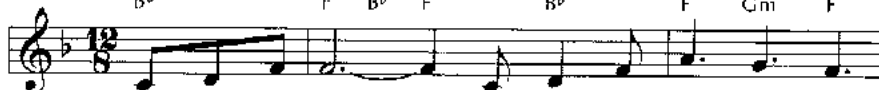
and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



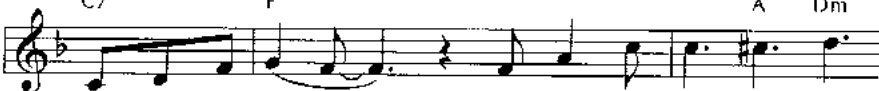
1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



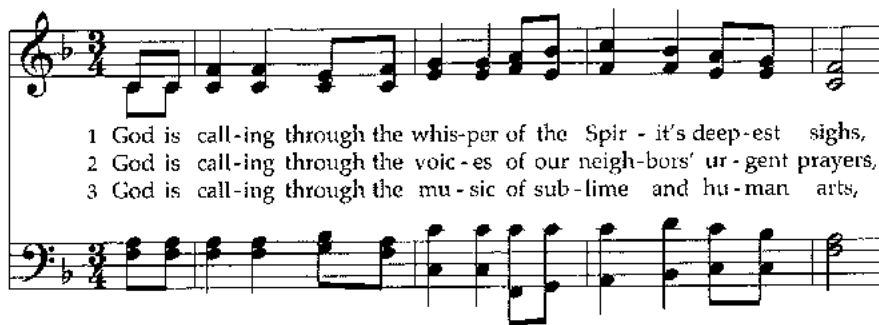
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

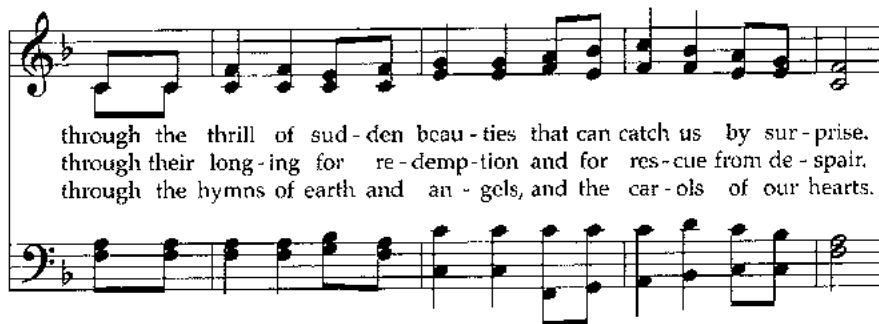


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

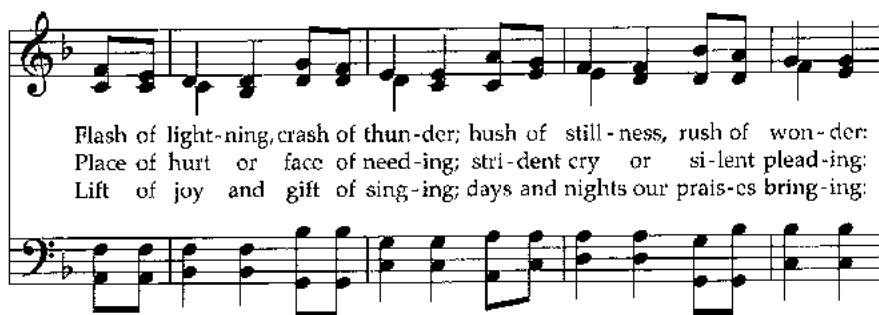
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing;
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing;



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to act in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.