

The Worship of God

May 17, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

"I have been shown in darkness, light and have learned that even in prison, one can be free. I am grateful. I have come to see that there is good in every situation, sometimes we just have to look for it. I pray each day that if nothing else, you have felt a certain closeness and surrender to God as well and have formed a bond of love and support amongst one another..."

ISIS Hostage Kayla Mueller writing to her parents before her death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Carl F. Mueller

CHORAL INTROIT *Blessed Redeemer, All Glorious King* Freeman
Opening of the Bible Anden Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP Zoey Mize

Leader: God has made this day.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night,

People: But joy comes in the morning!

Leader: Whenever you face trials of any kind,

People: Consider it nothing but joy!

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: Again I say, rejoice!

HYMN NO. 20 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY
Lighting of the Christ Candle

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

HYMN NO. 518 *He's Got the Whole World* WHOLE WORLD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5: 10-12

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

Minister: O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice.

People: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion;

Minister: For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression;

People: For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth;

Minister: For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship;
People: For those deprived of reasonable health and education; for those suffering from hunger and famine; for those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them;

Minister: For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice.

People: Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet.

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 367 *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment* BLOTT EN DAG

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 2: 2-4; I Peter 1: 6-7; Philippians 4: 4-7

ANTHEM *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Young

SERMON *Rejoice and Be Glad.* Dr. Ray Howell III
Assisted by the YES Team (Youth Exploratory Scholars)

HYMN NO. 262 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

OFFERTORY PRAYER Johnny Beck

OFFERTORY *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Austin C. Lovelace

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Teach Our Hearts to Grow in Faith* Freeman

POSTLUDE *Carillon* Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is Linda Engstrom.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ Sanctuary Choir Peggy Barnhardt - piano

The Deacons of the Week are Bruce Hill and Frances Hoover

Vacation Bible School, July 19 - 23, 2015

This year's Bible School will be AWESOME! The theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." **Volunteers are needed!** Bible School will begin with the Church Picnic on Sunday and a Snack Supper Monday through Thursday at 5:15 p.m. followed by VBS each evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Let Tommy, Ray, or the Open Door SS Class know if you can help. This will be a wonderful week to bless our children!

Enrollment forms for VBS are available in the church office.

CBF in support for people of Nepal

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is partnering with a network of Baptist groups from around the world to provide aid to the victims of the recent earthquakes in Nepal, which has killed and injured thousands and left the impoverished South Asia country in a state of disarray. CBF has contributed an initial \$10,0000 to the Baptist relief efforts and is encouraging Cooperative Baptists and friends to support the Fellowship's response to the Nepal crisis. Gifts can be made to the [CBF Nepal Response](#).

Elevator

Last Sunday the church experienced a partial power loss. On Monday all HVAC equipment was reviewed and only sustained minor problems. When power was turned on to the elevator, it sustained some damage and the Fire Department was even dispatched. We are still working with the Elevator Company and the Insurance Company to get things back up and working. All HVAC is fully functional. The elevator could take weeks to be up and running. We are working as quickly as possible. If we can assist your access to the building in anyway please do not hesitate to ask.

Announcements

Sunday, 5/17

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry	Conference Room
9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Youth Snack Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	Middle & High School Youth Activities	

Wednesday, 5/20

7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Suite
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HELP!!! - Extended Sessions

Volunteers to assist in the nursery and preschool children classes during the worship service are needed. Please consider donating one hour of your time each quarter. Call Brooke Williams (956-1821) or brookrn97@yahoo.com or the church office if you are willing to help.

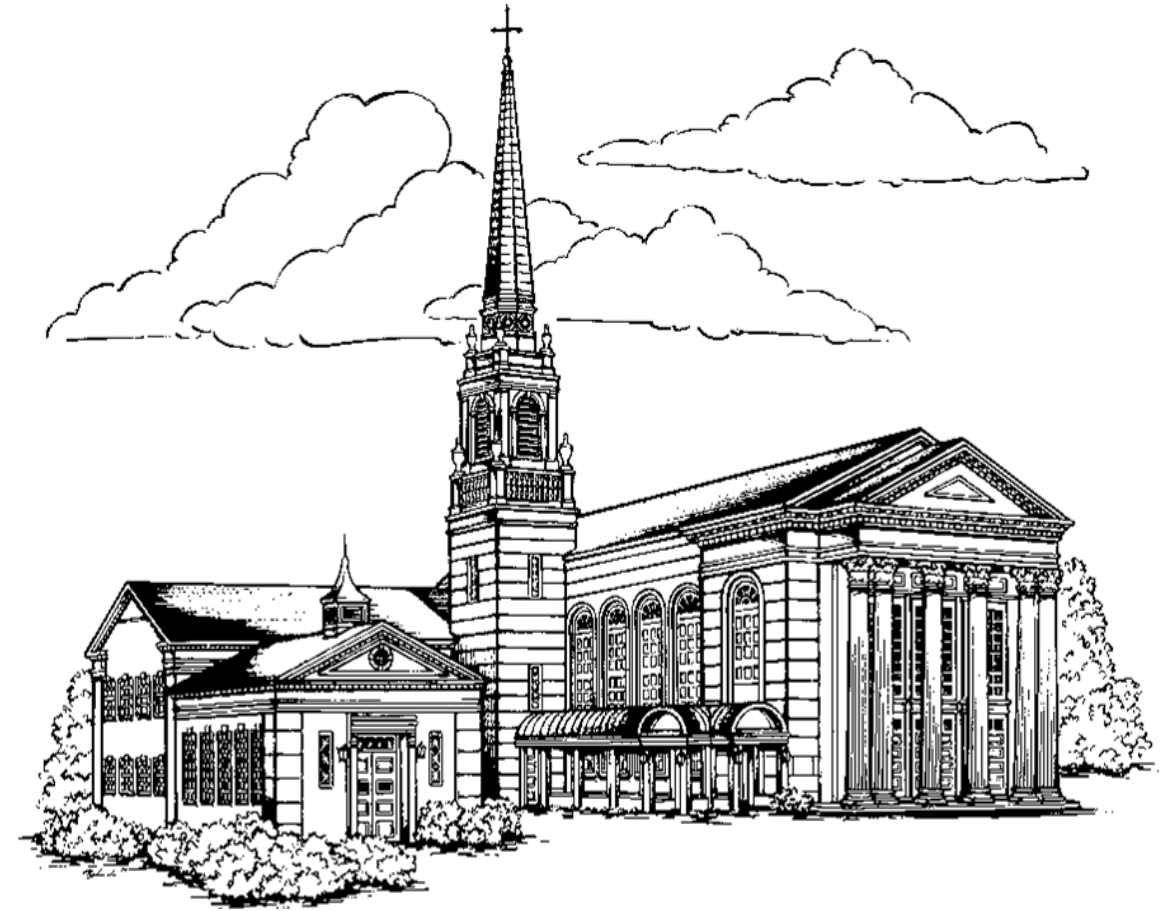
Extended Sessions:

May 17: Bed Babies: Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M

Zak Young **3 & 4 Year Olds:** M/M William Fulbright

May 24: Bed Babies: M/M Nathan Houser **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander **3 & 4 Year Olds:** Brenda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall, & Courtney Sams

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