

10:00 AM

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18th, 2025

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Psalm 148:1-2

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will exalt you, my God the King;

P: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

L: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 147

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Sovereign God, our anxious hearts often drive us to seek control over every part of our lives. We confess that we sometimes believe our worry alone can shape our work, our families, our finances and our futures. Forgive us, Lord. You alone are in control — the true Author and Orchestrator of our lives. Align our hearts with Your Spirit. Teach us to release our fears and anxieties into Your capable hands. Help us trust in Your perfect plan. You are the Author and Perfector of our faith. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Gloria Patri”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:4-12

ANTHEM

“Near the Cross, Power of the Cross”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-15

SERMON

“Redemption”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 324

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Elders

Welcome Desk: Graceyn McKain

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Connie Lamb

Fellowship Hour: Cathy Woller

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Choir
Friday:		Youth Group Pirate Baseball Game
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Will meet in the Library on Saturday, May 24th at 10 AM with guest speaker Melody Hooks.

WORK DAY- The Trustees will be having an outdoor work day at the church, mulching, and trimming trees to keep the church grounds looking beautiful on Tuesday, June 3rd at 3:00 PM. If you’re able to lend a hand, we would greatly appreciate your help.

BLOCK PARTY- Our Community Block Party will be Saturday, June 7th from 4-7 PM. There will be a bounce house, face painting, free food, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. There is signup sheet outside the office.

KENNYWOOD- The Youth Group will be going to Kennywood on Tuesday, June 10th and families are welcome to join us. The cost is \$32 a ticket please let Pastor Mike know by May 18th if you would like to attend.

GRADUATION GOOD WISHES- On Sunday, June 1st, we will celebrate our graduating seniors! As part of their gift, we invite you to write a note of encouragement or your favorite Bible verse in a copy of *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* These books will be presented during the service. The books are in the fellowship room outside of the office door.

SAVE THE DATES SUMMER PROGRAMS- Register at www.meridianpres.org
 June 7th: Block Party
 July 7th-11th: Summer Blast
 July 20th-24th: Vacation Bible School

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