

# The Church at Worship

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.  
Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.*

## The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God of joy and peace, we thank you for life and health, for morning and evening, and for sabbath days of rest and reflection. Turn our hearts and our heads to what you would have us learn today so that we may continue our journey of living into your perfect example. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

**People: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

**People: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.**

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

**People: we greet you with joy, our living God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *This is the Day*      # 84

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*(Moment for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Let us live as God's forgiven children.

**All: Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## The Response to Forgiveness

*\*Gloria Patri*      #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *Shepherd of Love*      # 446

## The Word

SCRIPTURE      John 15:1-8

SERMON      *From Shepherds to Vineyards*  
*The Rev. Stewart Smith*

## The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

**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 rose 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.**

## The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*\*DOXOLOGY*      # 623

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all people here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## The Sending

\*CLOSING HYMN      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*      # 449

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *God Be With You*      #583

POSTLUDE

### Congregational Care

Irene Booth, aunt of Louan Pyron; Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Ethan, friend of Nebe; Alex Lanphear; Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Emma Lollar; Jan Pennington; Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

### Address for Emma Lollar:

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 5: Guest Pastor: The Rev. Stewart Smith, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Arkansas.

May 5: STONE SOUP SUNDAY

### The Leadership of the Church

**SESSION** serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:

The Rev. Ron Jones, Moderator

Louan Pyron, Clerk

Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

#### Class of 2024

Linda McDougal

Chris Lanphear

#### Class of 2025


Stephen Fyr

Ann Pfeifler

#### Class of 2026

Louan Pyron

Maribeth Laster

	NOTES FROM TODAY'S LESSONS

# HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1844

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*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 5, 2024

Worship 10:00 a.m.