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Bulletin – May 17, 2026

Living the Sequel

Stories That Matter Worship Series

Ascension Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Easter people, in this season of Eastertide, we remember the blessings God gives us—the blessings of Resurrection, salvation, and new life in Christ.

C: We come to praise God for the blessings of Easter!

P: We recall the blessings of creation—of clean air and water, of food and shelter, of beauty and awe.

C: We come to praise God for the blessings of creation!

P: We share in the blessings of community—of family and friends, of church and home, of help that is given and received.

C: We come to praise God for the blessings of community!

P: Easter people, we gather today to remember Christ's Ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven while blessing his disciples, marking not the end but the next chapter of God's salvific work among us.

C: We come to bless God with our praise as God continues to bless us with all that we need to live as God's Resurrection people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**** All to recite in unison ****

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon – Living the Sequel

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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Benediction & Commission

May God bless you with the understanding, wisdom, and grace to follow the way of Christ, that in all things, your life may be a blessing of praise to God. Amen!

Readings for the week beginning May 18, 2026

- Numbers 11:24-30
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Acts 2:1-21
- John 20:19-23

Announcements

- None today

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Carolyn & Johnny Disher

Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost

Tammy Seats Boyd

Jimmy & Deborah Branch

Jane Bullin

Leisha Carpenter

Mack Edwards

Mary File

Garry Harbin

Kathy Harbin

Lynda Harper

Ronald Howell

David Joyner

Charles Kurfees

Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela

Ronnie Mudd

Jay D. Prevette

Vivian Royal

Hal Seats

Phillip Seats

Mary Ellen Smith

Kim Triplette

Mark Wall

Ann Wallace

Robert and Susan Warren

Tracy Webb

Jeremy Wilson

Savannah Wooten

May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Connie V. Bolen Wood	13
Lissa Seats	1	Hayden Potts	18
Ashley Snow Perryman	5	Linda Southern	19
Johnny Disher	6	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Frances Sisk	7	Melanie Perryman	26
Chelsea Manring	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31

Wesley Covenant Prayer (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?