



Faith - Family - Fellowship

Order of Worship
Agape Worship Service
10:10 a.m.
June 1, 2025

Video

Call to Worship	New Name Written Down In Glory	Praise Team & Congregation
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Song of Faith	Blessed Assurance	Praise Team & Congregation
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Words of Welcome & Prayer of Transformation	PR
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Words of Wisdom	Judges 6:1-16	Randall Patrick
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Song of Hope	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Praise Team
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New Doxology / Blessing of the Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer	Lisa Patrick
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Word of God	Matthew 6:25-34	Melanie Ferguson
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Spiritual Vitamin	What On Earth Are You Worried About?
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Song of Love	Good Good Father	Praise Team & Congregation
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Going Forth

Communion Stewards: Sanctuary: Leslie Hannah and Betty Greenberg
Family Life Worship Center: Rick & Dixie Stoltz; Carol Beck & Martha pVaughn; Kaylee Case & Lynn Wimpee

Prayer of Transformation

Pastor: Please join me in today's Prayer of Transformation.

People: Lord Jesus, I am your witness.
I receive your righteousness and release my sinfulness.
I receive your wholeness and release my brokenness.
I receive your fullness and release my emptiness.
I receive your peace and release my anxiety.
I receive your joy and release my despair.
I receive your healing and release my sickness.
I receive your love and release my selfishness.
I receive your readiness and release my resistance.

Pastor: Lord, may we open up our hearts, minds, and souls to your presence in our lives. As living examples of a church that matters, allow us to be gracious in our love to all people in our words, our thoughts, and our deeds.

People: May we ever be reminded that we as your church will;
Glorify God, Commit to Christ, Teach the Truth, Fellowship through Faith,
and Love the Least, Lost and Lonely.

Pastor & People:

Come Holy Spirit transform my heart, mind, soul, and strength so that my consecration becomes your demonstration; that our lives become your sanctuary.
For the glory of God our Father, amen.

Words of Wisdom - Judges 6:1-16

Judges 6:1-16 tells the story of Gideon's calling and Israel's oppression under the Midianites. The Israelites had turned away from God, leading to seven years of suffering under Midianite rule. The Midianites would invade and destroy Israel's crops, leaving the people impoverished and desperate. In response to their cries, God sent a prophet to remind them of His past deliverance and their disobedience. Then, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, who was secretly threshing wheat to avoid the Midianites. The angel called him a "mighty warrior" and told him that God had chosen him to deliver Israel. Gideon, feeling inadequate, questioned how he could possibly save his people. But God reassured him, saying, "I will be with you."

This passage highlights themes of God's faithfulness, human doubt, and divine empowerment. Gideon, though hesitant, was chosen by God to lead Israel to victory.

The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help.

When they cried out to the Lord because of Midian, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."

Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

O Lord, you have given us the gift of your Word.

People: May we ever protect and keep it pure. Amen.

Word of God - Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 6:25-34 is a powerful passage where Jesus teaches about trusting God and overcoming worry. He encourages His followers not to be anxious about their basic needs—food, drink, and clothing—because God provides for all creation.

Jesus emphasizes that life is more than material concerns and that worrying does not add value to one's life. Instead, He calls His followers to seek God's kingdom and righteousness first, assuring them that their needs will be met. The passage concludes with a reminder not to worry about tomorrow, as each day has its own challenges¹.

This scripture is a profound encouragement to trust in God's provision and focus on spiritual priorities rather than letting the world and its evil forces to control you.

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

“And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

“So don't worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God^[a] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

“So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.