

Knightsville Methodist
Order of Worship
Traditional Worship Service
February 22, 2026
8:45 a.m.

Welcome		DH
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	DH
Call to Worship	Spirit of the Living God	Chancel Choir
Hymn of Faith	This Is My Father's World (OGRP #19 - All Verses)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
New Member Reception		DH
Prayers of the Church		PR
Words of Wisdom	Isaiah 56:1-8	Susan Masciangelo
Anthem of Hope	O The Wonderful Cross/When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Chancel Choir
Doxology / Blessing of the Offering		Jim Vaughn
Hymn of Love	Shine, Jesus, Shine (OGRP #217- Chancel Choir vs.1, All vs. 2-3)	Congregation & Chancel Choir
Word of God	John 4:1-26	Shawn Boykin
Mission Moments	"Glorify God"	Debby Miller
Spiritual Vitamin	EASTER IS FOR EVERYONE "Easter is for the Outsider"	
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Going Forth Blessing		PR
Communion Stewards:	Jerry and Jackie Volf; Jim and Judy Orrange	

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed derives its name from its use in the Christian church from as early as A.D. 150 and the early belief that it was used by the apostles. Beginning in the third century, this Creed was used at baptisms by the Roman Catholic Church. Through the years it has been used widely by both Roman Catholics and Protestants as the formative statement of the faith into which Christians believe.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Words of Wisdom - Isaiah 56:1-8

Isaiah paints a picture of a God who refuses to limit His welcome. In a world that sorts people into insiders and outsiders, God speaks a different word: **“My salvation is close... My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”** This is a God who gathers. A God who includes. A God who sees the overlooked and says, *“You belong with Me.”*

Allow these words from the Common English Bible to provide warmth that God’s heart is open. His welcome is wide. And there is room for you.

The Lord says: Act justly and do what is righteous, because my salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness will be revealed. Happy is the one who does this, the person who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not making it impure, and avoids doing any evil. Don’t let the immigrant who has joined with the Lord say, “The Lord will exclude me from the people.” And don’t let the eunuch say, “I’m just a dry tree.”

The Lord says: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, choose what I desire, and remain loyal to my covenant. In my temple and courts, I will give them a monument and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give to them an enduring name that won’t be removed. The immigrants who have joined me serving me and loving my name, becoming my servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath without making it impure, and those who hold fast to my covenant: I will bring them to my holy mountain, and bring them joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their entirely burned offerings and sacrifices on my altar. My house will be known as a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord God, who gathers Israel’s outcasts. I will gather still others to those I have already gathered.

May God bless our discernment to His Holy Word.

People: Praise be to God.

Word of God - John 4:1-26

Today's Word of God comes to us from The Message translation.

Now hear the word of the Lord.

Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee. To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.) The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.) Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!" He said, "Go call your husband and then come back." "I have no husband," she said. That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough." "Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?" "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. "It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story. "I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."

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

People: Thanks be to God.