

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

April 29, 2018 8:30 & 10:30AM

Fifth Sunday of Easter—Liturgical Color is White

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able ✠ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.*

SERVANT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES Please view the screens

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER Mason Carman  
**God of love, you have invited us to this time and space. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving and joyful praise for the gift of your love. God of life, you have invited us here to place all that we have and all that we are in you. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to not only lift up our hearts in worship, but to offer our hearts in love. AMEN.**

PRELUDE "The Two Grenadiers" R. Schumann  
Karly Brooks, cello

WORDS OF WELCOME Abby Wright  
✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ)

✠ GATHERING SONG "Mighty To Save" W. & S. No. 3038

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Witten Beam  
Leader: Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.  
**People: Love is from God.**  
Leader: We all are called to live in God's love.  
**People: Love is from God.**  
Leader: When we live in God's love, our love overflows.  
**People: Love is from God. Let us worship together in Love. AMEN.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL  
Hymn of Praise W. & S. No. 3176  
"Come, Now Is The Time to Worship"  
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross  
Crucifier – Tristan Shirey Acolytes – Shelby Calkins & Cassidy Christy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Abby Wright  
Leader: Let us confess together . . .  
**People: O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Abby Wright

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Hollis Beam  
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163  
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]  
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163  
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Troy Shirey

THE LESSON Acts 8:26-40 Hannah Strickler

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21 Tristan Shirey

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION "You Are My King" W. & S. No. 3102

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8 Mason Carman  
"Behold! The Wisdom of God's Word!"  
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI No. 70

SHARING THE MESSAGE "What Makes a Hero?" Madison Carman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD Psalm 22:25-31 Shelby Calkins  
Responsive Psalter Lesson . . . See Lectionary Insert

GENERAL PRAYER FOR THE DAY Hollis Beam  
THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR No. 895

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

OFFERTORY INVITATION Shelby Calkins

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS  
Ushers – Witten Beam, Logan Doyals, Jaxon Green, & Tristan Shirey

OFFERTORY "Good Good Father" Chris Tomlin  
Youth Ensemble – Hollis Beam, Troy Shirey, Hannah Strickler, & Abby Wright  
Keagan Smith, guitar

✠ DOXOLOGY No. 94  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS Karly Brooks  
Leader: Let us pray . . .  
**People: We give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. AMEN.**

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherrri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's bro.), Gloria Loken, Amy (sister of Dana Hoffman), Kay Tautfest, Janice Dupree.

Joys & Concerns—Thanks for rain; Rev. Ken Tobler; Family of Holly Winters (dau.-in-law of Linda & Eddy Berrong); Family of Elaine Mast Lee; Maryjane Eldred (Integrus Baptist; angiogram & stints); Vernell Snider; Barry Blagowsky (medical); Dale Schomp (OU Med. Center); 1LT Jimi Drue Blagowsky (on tng. mission in Seoul, Korea); Estranged families; Wanda Avant; Jackie Ludrick (hospice care at Maple Lawn, Hydro); Rose Ratcliffe; Cherrie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; our church & Sunny Lane UMC during pastoral transition; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (staying at Ft. Leavenworth for heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.



#### IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP TFWs No. 2223  
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

✧ SENDING FORTH Hannah Strickler  
Leader: God's love is at work right now in your life.  
**People: Christ walks with us even now as we show love to all.**  
Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing you out the door on the wings of love.  
**People: In God's love, with Christ's love, by the Spirit's love, we go to be love in the world.**  
**All: Go with God. AMEN.**

✧ PARTING HYMN & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3180  
"As We Part for the Towns and Cities" (both vv.)  
**As we part for the towns and cities,  
Where You summon us to go,  
Guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage,  
Teach us all we need to know.  
Keep us humble, fixed on You, forever seeking, born anew.  
Kindle holy fires within us; may Your Holy Spirit glow.**

POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" Phoebe Palmer Knapp  
Troy Shirey, trumpet

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Facebook Live Streaming 10:30 AM Worship Service :  
Johnathan Bodenstein



TODAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> . . .  
THANKS to Kelley Ramey and our Youth Group for providing leadership in our worship services today. Way to go, guys!  
And KUDOS to Dr. Sophia Lee for serving as our pianist today as well!

2:00PM—Devotional service at WeatherCORN; come help us sing and worship with the residents!

You may mail a card of encouragement to Rev. Ken & Carol Tobler at: 3221 S. Pittsburg Place; Tulsa, OK 74135. Pastor Ken is battling lymphoma.

Nar-Anon is now meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30PM at the W'ford Food & Resource Center, 122 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (enter thru the volunteer door). Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a 12 step program, they offer their help by sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

Coming Up . . .  
Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> . . .  
National Day of Prayer. There will be a Prayer Breakfast at Lucille's Restaurant, 7AM to 7:45AM. Individuals or groups may go to Centennial Park for prayer at their convenience. Prayer booklets will be available.

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> . . .  
2:00PM—"First Friday Prayer" group meets in the Chapel with Evelyn Hart.  
6:30PM—The Learning Tree PreSchool graduation for the four year olds in our church Sanctuary.

Next Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> . . .  
10:30AM worship service—The Christian Education committee will be recognizing all our church teachers with a special blessing during worship. There will also be an Appreciation Cookout at Means Park on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM as a way of thanking our teachers for their service to our church. RSVP to the church office.  
6:30PM—Leadership Team meets in the Neonate Classroom area.

Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.