



**\*OPENING HYMN      “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name”      (UMH # 154)**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
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2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)**

**SILENT PRAYER (pastor)**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (all)**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**(Proverbs 22:1-11)**

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. ♦ Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all. ♦

The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. ♦ Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honour and life. ♦ In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them. ♦ Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. ♦ The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. ♦ Whoever sows injustice reaps calamity, and the rod they wield in fury will be broken. ♦ The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. ♦ Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended. ♦ One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**  
**(after Luke 15:17-21 and Psalm and 03:8-14)**

**Women: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**Men: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

**Men: Father, I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.**

**Women: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;**

**Men: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.**

**Women: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**

**All: For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING (Acts 20:17-25, 32-38)**

From Miletus he [Paul] sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to

me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ...



And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

## MESSAGE

**"Friends in the Faith, Friends of the King"  
Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister**

## HYMN

***"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"***

**(UMH # 526)**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

(from “*All Good Gifts*”, John Tebelak & Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell*))

**We thank thee now, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest; our life, our health, our food,  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts  
But that which thou desirest: our humble thankful hearts. Amen**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**CLOSING PRAYER (pastor)**

O Lord, who blesses those who bless You and sanctifies those who put their trust in You, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the whole body of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power and forsake us not who have set our hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the clergy, to our civic leaders, to the armed forces, and to all Your people. For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of lights. To You we offer up glory, thanksgiving, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and evermore. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”**

(UMH # 557)

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

**BENEDICTION (pastor)**

**(after 2 Corinthians 13:14)**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

**Beverly J, Matthews, PsyD**  
**Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor**  
**217 825 9010**

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 33**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. May 17 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
Sun. May 17 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. May 17 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. May 24 9:00 am Finance Committee Meeting; Pastor's Office  
Sun. May 24 9:20 am Administrative Council Meeting; Pastor's Office  
Sun. May 24 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. May 24 11:15 am Confirmation Class  
Sun. May 31 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. May 31 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. June 07 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. June 07 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned soup (chicken noodle and vegetable beef); canned pasta; mac and cheese; shampoo; and antiperspirant and toilet paper. Cash donations are always welcome.

### SPEAKER SCHEDULE

May 10 Kirk Yenerall, Certified Lay Minister  
May 17 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker  
May 24 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor  
May 31 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker  
June 07 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor  
June 14 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker  
June 21 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker  
June 28 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:45 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury. On May 24, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am.

### **BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION**

Please donate bottled water for Macon's May 30 fun day in the park; drop off in church kitchen.

### **LOVE PACKAGES MATERIAL**

Bring used devotional materials by June 1 to be mailed to Love Packages for worldwide distribution. Bring devotionals to Christine.

