

Serve One Another



Tryon United Methodist Church

11:00 A.M. Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Let the chiming of the hour be the signal for that reverent silence which is the beginning of worship.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Pam McNeil, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Robison

PRELUDE

Meditation

Pam McNeil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP (*umcdiscipleship*)

Rev. Gerald Davis

Let praise to God resound in the heavens! Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing! **Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

Open your hearts and spirits today. **Let us praise the Lord today and always! Amen.**

GREETING

Rev. Gerald Davis

OPENING PRAYER (*umcdiscipleship*)

Rev. Gerald Davis

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Gerald Davis

You are members of God's beloved community. Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

As we pass the peace of Christ, greet one another in ways you feel are comfortable for you.

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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PSALTER

Psalm 148 (*UMH 861*)

Linda Robison

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise Lord in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord, all his hosts.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise the Lord, all shining stars.

Praise the Lord, highest heavens, and all waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded and they were created.

Who established them for ever and ever; and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy winds fulfilling God's command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name alone is exalted;
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God. Praise the LORD.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation (UMH 885)*

Linda Robison

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 70)

Congregation

*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.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Gerald Davis

We set aside this time for Children's Moment when we have children with us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Gerald Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Trespass*)

Rev. Gerald Davis

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Gerald Davis

DOXOLOGY

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*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!*

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3 (*Revised Standard Version*)

Linda Robison

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Be Like Jesus

Rev. Gerald Davis

*CLOSING HYMN

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Gerald Davis

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Pam McNeil, organ

***Please stand as you are able.**

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We welcome interim pastor Rev. Gerald Davis to our congregation this morning.



PRAYER LIST 5/18/2025

Pray for: Rockie Alexander, Anna, Ron Bennett, Bill Bowman, Carl Brooks, Terrye Broyhill, Walter, Hilary & Mars Bunn, Layne and Brady Burleson, Margaret Cannon, Rhonda Carpenter, The Cashion Family, Cathy, Liz Chase, Michelle Chromey, Betty Cochran, Breanna Cochran, Janet Cowen, Diane, Dona Jean Dacey, Joshua Dacey, Mark Dacey, Sandra Forney, Roy Greene & Family, Jennifer & Percy Hargett, Ben Harvey, Bobby Henson, Julia and Chris, Judy, Juliet, Laron "Kelly" Lumpkin, Maria, Maureen, Melony Martin, Miriam McClure, Holly McKee, Jerry Miller, Dell Morgan, Ashley Mould, Betty Neal, Family of Diane Pace, Salley Parker, David Ross Palmer, Everett Palmer, Rita Pennypacker & family, Rev. Dr. Mark Ralls, Bob Reynolds, Stephen Sacks, Cindy Shouck, Margaret Steward, Richard Tendam, Bill Vehorn, George Wallace, Hal Wishon, Belinda Yarborough and the family of Jesse Yarborough

Armed Forces Prayer List: Ruairidh (Rory) Coull, Landon Farley, James F. Henson Jr., Harrison Turnage

Continued prayers for:

—All who are dealing with devastation and loss after the local wildfires, Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and other natural disasters. Pray for all of the helpers who are working to restore power and provide clothing, shelter and assistance.

—The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Haiti and all places experience conflicts and war. Pray for there to be peace and for war to cease. Pray for leaders to seek wisdom. Pray for an end to violence and bloodshed. Pray for all people in all nations to seek and to be instruments of peace.

-Unspoken requests for our families and friends who may need prayer support, who are going through various life transitions, who have loved ones with physical or mental health issues, those in abusive relationships.

- For those in need of treatment for depression/anxiety.

- For those who grieve for loved ones who have passed.

- Those who are in transition and contemplating lifestyle changes - moving, retiring, furthering their education.

--Gratitude for the Comfort Shawl ladies who provide shawls for so many.

-Prayers for families in domestic violence situations

-Caregivers needing help caregiving and for all receiving health care treatment.

--Caregivers of little children, adult children, parents and friends.

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