

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Welcome & Announcements** Celia Davis  
**Greeting One Another**

**Prelude** Cherub Choir  
"A Gift to You"  
Speaking Part: Reid Sears  
Duet: Ava Lyman and Addison Louderman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (\*Please stand if you are able)

L: A kind word opens a closed flower.  
C: **A soul deep prayer lifts the clouds.**  
L: A generous gift loosens hardened hearts.  
C: **A quiet deed catches another's attention.**  
L: A heartfelt forgiveness releases new possibilities.  
C: **Each act of love, each measure of care,**  
L: Weaves another strand in God's kingdom  
C: **And causes the heart to sing.**

**\*Hymns of Praise**

"From the Rising of the Sun" TFWS #2024  
"As the Deer" TFWS #2025

**\*Prayer of the Congregation** (Linda K. Crowe, author)

**Faithful, loving God, be with us now. We have gathered to bring you thanks and praise. We have come to learn your ways of love. You have called us to keep your commandments and to love as you love. You have chosen us to bear fruit in your holy name.**

**Faithful, loving God, help us remember that our words and actions matter in this world. Guide us to witness to your ways. Lead us to be instruments of your love. With all that we say and do, may our lives resound with songs of joy to you! Amen.**

**A Time for Children** Georgia Whiteford

**\*The Gospel Lesson** John 15:9-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God**

**Word through Music** Men of Note

"Let Your Light Shine:

**The Morning Message** Rev. Whitmore

"All We Need Is Love"

**Celebration of Holy Communion** Darrell McCune  
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(Please place your offering in the plate at the front of the church as you come forward for Communion.)

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** Rev. Whitmore

**\*Hymn of Dedication** UMH #432

"Jesu, Jesu"

**\*Benediction and Response**

"Shalom to You" UMH #666

**Postlude** Darrell McCune

"We Are Called"

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**Head Usher for second quarter:** Roger Carson  
**Ushers:** Howard & Jeanne Driver, Jim & Ginny Lancaster  
**Greeters:** New Dimensions Circle

John 15:9-17 Common English Bible (CEB)

9 "As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. 12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

Thank you so much for the 54 year celebration – to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the plant and planning the dinner, to Pastor Kathleen for her kind remarks, to Linda Rishel for playing some of my favorite music, for the love gift of money and for all your cards and notes of appreciation. God bless! Dorothy Matthews

## Birthdays

5/7 Ken Woods, 5/11 Jacquie Smith

5/13 Mark Carey, Emma Miller

5/14 Willa Lee White

## This Week at Ottawa First

### **Sunday, May 6th**

8:45am - 9:15am Open Gym for Youth - Gym  
11:30am - 12:30pm Ottawa FUMC Street Walkers  
2:00pm - 4:00pm All Daughter Tea - Large Dining Room  
2:00pm - 6:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym  
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

### **Monday, May 7th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym  
5:45pm - 6:30pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Council Meeting - Oxford Service Room  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Hands of Glory Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Men's Bible Study - Youth Room

### **Tuesday, May 8th**

9:00am - 10:00am Donuts & Devotions - First Cup  
4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym  
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

### **Wednesday, May 9th**

10:00am - 11:00am Prayer Friends Gathering - Prayer Room  
5:30pm - 6:15pm Chair Yoga - Lg. Dining Room  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share - Parlor  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Scout Troop #77 - North Rm. off Gym  
7:30pm - 8:30pm Trustees Meeting - Finance Office  
8:30pm - 9:30pm Men of Note Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, May 10th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym  
4:15pm - 5:15pm Body Gospel Exercise - Oxford Room  
7:00pm - 8:00pm NA - MacDuffie Room

### **Friday, May 11th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym

### **Saturday, May 12th**

8:00am - 9:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym

We will be sending out a newsletter at the end of this month. The deadline for articles to be included will be the third Monday of each month, and the deadline for May will be May 21.

The bulletin is printed Thursday morning. Please have all announcements in the office by 9am Thursday.

Don't forget to follow the Yellow Brick Road to the All Daughters Tea today from 2:00-4:00pm!

A reminder that there will be a Council Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Oxford Service room.

May 20 will be Graduation Sunday, honoring all our graduates. If you have a graduating senior from high school or college, please let the office know as soon as possible.

There will be a special offering for FRETSA on May 13. Please note in the memo line of your check that it is for them.

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Last week's Attendance: 134  
Last week's Offering: \$2106.00

### **Prayers and Concerns**

Archie & Cecilia McGehee, Dee Anne Harnden, Bev Lueers ,

Please pray for all our Servicemen & women

To add a name to the Prayer Chain list please contact:

Cheryl Allen: 248-9548 Email: [gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net) or

Judy Lanning: 242-7643 Email: [djamlanning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djamlanning@sbcglobal.net)

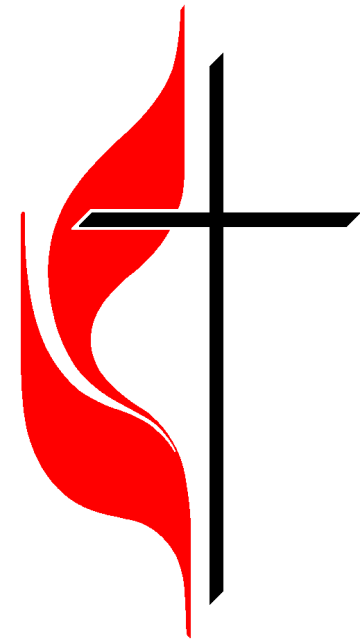
**Please contact the office with any changes. Names will be removed after 3 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.**

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

MAY 6, 2018  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## OUR VISION

“MEETING PEOPLE, MEETING NEEDS,  
MEETING CHRIST”



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