

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ruby McGill

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"River in Judea"

Chancel Choir

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

CLOSING HYMN, # 686

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Bless God's holy Name.

One: It's time to sing Your praises.

All: And to worship Your holy Name.

One: Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.

All: Help me, O Lord, to always trust You.

BENEDICTION

SENDING OUT, # 226

"Lift High the Cross"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR RAIL: your special donations left on the communion rail or the Narthex giving box supports Tejas Back To School Backpack Program.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: coffee & refreshments served after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday school time at 10:15am.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: a new monthly women's ministry called 'Ladies Lunch Bunch' begins this Thursday, May 7. The goal is for the women of the church to get to know one another better. We meet at 10:30am this Thursday to travel to Fayetteville for lunch at Orsak's. Please sign up in the Narthex so that we can make a reservation. Church bus available.

FRIENDS 'N FELLOWSHIP: Saturday, May 16, at 8:45 a.m. we will tour the Giddings Stone Mansion in Brenham. Steeped in history, the mansion was built as an escape from yellow-fever producing mosquitos. A lunch outing follows at Must Be Heaven. Sign-up in narthex.

PRAYER TEAMS: Community Prayer group meets today at 5pm at the annex of Redimidos por Christo Church. A dedicated group meets on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Conference Room. This group lifts up our church's prayer requests and is willing to pray for you. Open to all.

MISSIONS: next Sunday begins our baby supply drive benefiting the Brenham Pregnancy Center. Donates of diapers, baby wipes, or baby bottles can be brought to the church. Or you can take one of the baby bottle's in the Narthex and fill it with change. Drive ends on June 21.

GREAT COMMISSION: We welcome missionaries Steve & Pam English May 29 - 31. The purpose of this weekend is to discern God's calling upon our congregation regarding our opportunities for evangelism & missions. More details to come. Please set aside these dates.

UM ARMY: the UM Army Youth Mission trip this summer is in Boerne, TX, July 12 - 18. If you are youth member or adult volunteer who would like to attend, please contact Jay Watson at 979-249-6201 or email jwatson316@gmail.com or call the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: it's not too early to put our VBS on your calendar! Dates are Monday, June 29 thru Thursday, July 2, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will need some wonderful volunteers to lead kids and help decorate and prepare curriculum.

HYMN, # 16

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Nancy Hajek

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have given us good news, that Christ died for our sins, was raised to new life, and that Your grace has the final word. And yet, we confess how quickly we drift from that good news. We carry burdens You have already lifted. We rehearse our failures instead of Your mercy. We forget to stand on Your grace as we trust more in our own strength. Forgive us Lord. Call us again. Invite us again. Bless us again. Help us to live in the truth of the Gospel and for Your grace to shape us each day. In the name of our Risen Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS / WORDS OF PARDON

Pastor Andy

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

GLORIA PATRI, #33

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17: 15 - 21

Dale Alexander

HYMN, # 44

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

MESSAGE

The Story of Sarah

Pastor Andy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion Music: # 418

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:

- *For our Military & their families
- *Nursing Home & Homebound members
- *Sympathy to the Linda Hartson Family
- *Larry Joost (healing mercies & encouragement)
- *Debbie Weber (healing mercies from fall)
- *Ed Murphy (concern over more strokes)
- *Twila Thurman (diagnosed with cancer)
- *Marie Allen (healing mercies)
- *Bill Wegmann (healing from broken ankle)
- *Gary Martyr (healing mercies)
- *Donna Pyle (healing from hand surgery)
- *Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- *Dustin Machinsky (healing from a tumor)
- *Stephanie Bunch (healing from a brain tumor)
- *Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)
- *E.J. and Beverly Gray (healing mercies)
- *Dave Swartz (recovering from surgery)
- *Maxine Ballard (encouragement)

For Our Extended Family:

- *Cathy Gillentine (struggling with COPD)
- *Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- *Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)
- *Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)
- *Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)
- *Brea Laudano (recovering from back surgery)
- *Merry Douberly (healing mercies)
- *Ron Boggess (Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer)
- *Adam Lively (Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies)
- *Freida Dallmeyer (Jennifer Golan's mom, hip & knee rehab)
- *Marvin Alexander (healing mercies)

Birthdays

- *Darryl O'Bryant (5.1); *Chuck Mazac (5.4);
- *Mildred Todd (5.6); *Carol Kelly (5.6);
- *Ron Simons (5.9)

Anniversaries

- *Jack & Sherry Speir (5.5)
- *Charlie & Joy Learned (5.6)
- *Dale & Doreen Alexander (5.7)

JOINING THE CHURCH...

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

_____ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

_____ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

*A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.*

_____ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

Former Church: _____

You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:

1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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Celebration of Worship

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo