

The Worship of the Lord

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Trinity

(Worship begins with the Voluntary. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.)

Voluntary

Lord God Almighty

Karen Sawyer
arr. C. Taylor

Greeting & Announcements

Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.

Epistle Reading: I Peter 2:2-10

CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA (c. 150 – 215 AD), *A Royal People:*
That we are a chosen people is clear enough, but Peter said that we are a royal people because we have been called to share Christ's kingdom and we belong to him. We are a priesthood because of the offering which is made in prayers and in the teachings by which souls which are offered to God are won.
ADUMBRATIONS.

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!

For we are a chosen people,

royal priests,

a holy nation.

God's very own family!

Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,

who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light!

*Hymn of Praise

(4) To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Psalter Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Jack Sieber

An Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

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 Hymn

(547) I Stand Amazed in the Presence

MY SAVIOUR'S LOVE

*Offertory Prayer

Sandra Manning

(Offering plates are placed in the Narthex where you may give as you feel led.)

*An Easter Doxology

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

A Time with Children

(Children preschool-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church)

Congregational Chorus

(146) O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

Joys/Concerns of the Community

Rev. Byrd

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

A Call to Prayer

May we honor your name

not by paying it lip service, Lord Jesus

but by trusting the vision it speaks of

and the way it calls for

May we honor it by following you

speaking into the word with our actions

and showing who we're chosen to follow

May we love in your name

speak in your name

care in your name

that willingness to touch the outcast

feed the hungry

remember the sick

visit the imprisoned

clothe the naked

give water to the thirsty

in your name

Let us pray . . .

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Through Music

Karen Sawyer

Sharing in God's Word

Rev. Byrd

How Then Shall We Live: What Do I Love?

Emphasis Text: Acts 7:55-60

*Hymn of Commitment

(307) Just As I Am

(stanzas 1 and 2)

WOODWORTH

*Expressions of Decisions

*Sending Forth

ARATOR (c. 490 – 550 AD), ***To Fall Is to Rise:***

O martyr, embark on struggles which will cause happy deaths, where punishment is glory and to fall is a rising, and by slaughter is born immortality embracing the rewards of everlasting life. Lo, to have merited thus to die was the beginning of a blessed life without end.
ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1.

You are a chosen race,

a royal priesthood,

a holy nation.

Therefore go out as God's own people
to proclaim the mighty acts of God in Christ.

And may God be your rock and your refuge;

May Christ Jesus take you to himself and be with you always;

And may the Holy Spirit open heaven wide before you,

.....that you might see the glory of God in all the things of earth.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Response

(178) He Is Lord

(refrain)

HE IS LORD

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Karen Sawyer

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Congregation stands, who are able*

All scripture readings are from *The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.*

The Ministry of Worship

The Rev. J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr., Pastor

Blaine Pittman, Director of Church Music & Education

Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

Today

Deacons: Jack Sieber & Sandra Manning

Children's Church: Brenda Griffin

Nursery: Stephanie Shumate

Member Prayer Request:

Tim Bartholomew	Sharon Flowers	Donald & Pat Parker
Wilbur Batchelor	Weedie Hayes	Patsy Smith
Martha Crowell	Eric Jeffreys	Melba White
Family of Rachel Ervin	Sue Jenkins	

Prayer On Behalf of Members:

Harrison Barnett	Linda Frazier	Donnie Manning
Gerald Butler	Rudy Frazier	Royce Pittman
Pam Butler	Joel Freeman	Maryanne Davis Powell
John Byrd	Sarah George	Vickie Sanders
Veda Byrd	Gerald Hale	David Sawyer
Brenda Caldwell	Allen Hinnant	Carl & Kathy Smith
Faye Carter	Julie Johnson Baker	Rudy Viverette
John Chamblee	Vickie Hyde Jones	Robert Ward
Debbie Edwards	Linda Keen	Trudy Womack
	J.R. McPherson	

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the prayer list for a two week period. If you wish for a name to remain longer than two weeks, please contact the church office.

Nan Strickland Flower Ministry to Homebound:

Donations to this ongoing ministry should be designated as Missions/Flower Ministry.

The next opportunity to assist with flower arranging and delivery is **Friday, May 12, 2023 at 10 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:

Wilbur Batchelor	Beulah Hudson	Pat Parker
Patsy Carty	Annie Jackson	Edith Skinner
Martha Crowell	Bill Joyner	Reba Turner
Doris Fisher	June Joyner	Melba White
	Donald Parker	

Card Ministry to the Homebound:

Each week, we rotate the names of two homebound members as part of our Card Ministry Outreach. Please consider sending a card or handwritten note to the following two members:

Melba White:

Wilbur Batchelor:

We appreciate you reaching out to members who are no longer able to worship with us in person!

2023 Financial Summary for 18 Weeks

Financial information is not shared online.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS
 The flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of **Nan & Millard Strickland and David & Magaline Bass**
 by **Ross & Paula Strickland.**



NASHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 ~ Join us for this special night ~
Family Night Meal
 Hosted by: Nominating Team
 May 10, 2023, @ 5:30 PM
 Fellowship Hall ~ \$5 payable at the door
 Sign-up sheets in Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Special Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 10 @ 6 p.m. (after Family Night Meal)



We will vote on the proposal submitted by the deacons to purchase a digital sign. The cost of the sign, installation, permits, and tax will be \$37,000 - \$40,000.

Please prayerfully consider this proposal before our vote occurs.

Reminder: Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 14, 2023



<p>May Mission Emphasis</p> 	<p>Urgent Need Items:</p> <table border="0" style="font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>laundry detergent</td> <td>diapers size 5 & 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiffer items</td> <td>shampoo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cleaning supplies</td> <td>lotion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clorox wipes</td> <td>paper towels</td> </tr> <tr> <td>glass cleaner</td> <td>dish soap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>wrapped snacks</td> <td>bath towels</td> </tr> </table>	laundry detergent	diapers size 5 & 6	Swiffer items	shampoo	cleaning supplies	lotion	Clorox wipes	paper towels	glass cleaner	dish soap	wrapped snacks	bath towels	<p>Donations can be made through May 28 in the laundry baskets in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.</p>
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Item of the Month **May**

Canned Ham, Dried Beans & Canned Greens




How Then Shall We Live:
 What Do I Love?