



# Easterlude



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*May 10, 2026 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.*

### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices.*

#### GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: From "Do Not Be Afraid"

Philip W. J. Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.

*Gerard Markland*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 215: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Barker

Leader: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness  
and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

**People: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Leader: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory,  
and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

**People: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

Leader: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise,  
worship, and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

**People: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all.**

**Glory and honor, power and dominion, belong to God alone.**

*Joan Stott*

\* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**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.**

\* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

**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.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Grammer

**Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. Sometimes we doubt your ability to work in the world, wonder where you are, and disbelieve that anything good can happen. We are too often short of hope, tired of doing good, and skeptical of your power to make new life from death. Deepen our trust in your promises and open our eyes to every sign of your love and grace, especially when we face trials of every kind, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.**

*(Pause for silent confession.)*

**MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION**

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 66:8-20

Mr. Ross

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ADORATION: From “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

CHARLESTOWN

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless: In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honor, peace and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

*Erik Routley*

EPISTLE LESSON:

I Peter 3:13-22

Dr. Edwards

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE:

“Write These Words”

John S. Wilson

**Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Grammer

\* OFFERTORY HYMN 231: “Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

HOLY MANNA

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

*Today, during Mental Health Awareness Month, we give thanks for our partnership with CareNet Counseling, which offers confidential, faith-based individual, couple, family, and group counseling to people in our church and community, in an office here at Lakeside. To make an appointment, call (252) 355-2801.*

\* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

ANTHEM: “A Heart to Serve”

Valerie Showers Crescenz

O Lord, if I will wait for thee, my heart's desire you'll give to me; what I desire, Lord, most of all is but a heart that hears your call. O Lord, create in me anew a heart that's honest, pure and true; a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve. Whatever joy my future brings will not be found in earthly things; I'll have the greatest of rewards: a heart whose joy is in the Lord. Give me a heart that loves you best, a heart that finds you in my rest, a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve.

SERMON:

“Sustained by Doing Good”

Dr. Grammer

## RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Grammer

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that he came that we might have fullness of life. He came, not for one time, but for all time, and dwells among us now as Savior, Guide, and Friend. In his ministry, he demonstrated God’s love for us and taught us how we might love one another. By his suffering, God identified with our suffering, and experienced firsthand the anguishing results of sin. Through his resurrection, Christ proclaimed the eternal power of life over death and salvation over sin, thereby securing our hope. We believe that through commitment, obedience, and service to others, we respond to God’s astonishing love, and proclaim Christ’s good news until he comes again. Amen.**

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Grammer

\* RECEPTIONAL HYMN 655: “Community of Christ” LEONI  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* BENEDICTION Dr. Grammer

\* SUNG RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

\* POSTLUDE Mr. Ross

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	James Mauk <i>Minister of Music</i>
Lisa Meadows <i>Minister to Children</i>	Zack Ross <i>Organist</i>	Gus Haley <i>Acolyte</i>

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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**Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.** *Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ’s resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life. The Celtic Cross with its circle celebrates the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world.*

**Eastertide Sermon Series – Sustained by Resurrection:** *This season we journey through 1 Peter together to explore what it means to live out our faith in the midst of suffering. Through reading these writings to fledgling churches, we are given a light by which we can survive whatever comes our way, knowing we are sustained by our God.*

**Restrooms**, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids’ Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children’s worship bags** are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship. **Bibles and several large print hymnals** are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary. **Wireless hearing aides** are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship. **We are grateful for our choral scholars**, Jackson Baldwin, Allison Benoit, Rebecca Blackwell, Esther Keller, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the **Gossett-Biggs Music Fund**. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

# Lakeside Fellowship and Ministry

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

**Brvant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)**

**Mike Evans**

**UNC Health Nash, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)**

**Lela Chesson**

### At Home:

**Ann Bishop**, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy., Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

**Janice Bobbitt** (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

**Robyn Edwards Chapman** (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apartment C406, Apex, NC 27523

**Jennifer Cobb**, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

**Bob Davis** (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

**Doug Edwards**, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

**Michele Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Charlotte Gilliam**, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**C. B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Jeannette and Grady Pittman**, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

**Billie Stallings**, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

**Patricia Taylor** (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

**Betsy Waters**, 401 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

**Robert Woods**, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

### Our Members at Home:

**Martha Bulluck**, Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Ave., Room 208 (04)

**John Capiello**, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Dr., Room 534, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**Daisy Howell**, The Landings of Rocky Mount Mills, 1365 River Drive, Room 512 (04)

*We offer our sympathy to Nancy and Bobby Ellis and their family in the death of Nancy's brother-in-law, James Proctor, on May 3, in Greensboro.*

## THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

### Sunday, May 10

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

**PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
BREAK FOR SUMMER**

### Monday, May 11

11:00 a.m. Circle 10, *Robbins Hall*

### Tuesday, May 12

4:00 p.m. Endowment Committee, *Conference Room*

5:30 p.m. VBS Volunteer Orientation, *Lecture Room*

5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee, *Conference Room*

### Wednesday, May 13

10:30 a.m. At the Table, *Benvenue Country Club*

4:30 p.m. Turnage Lecture Series Committee,  
*Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, May 14

3:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting, *Conference Room*

5:30 p.m. Board of Finance, *Conference Room*

### Friday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Spring Program,  
*Sanctuary*

### Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Churchyard Landscaping & Cleanup,  
*Church Grounds*

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Youth Car Wash, *Parking Lot*

### Sunday, May 17: Youth & Graduate Sunday

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, *Education Building*

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. Reception for Graduates & Youth,  
*Lehman Courtyard*

12:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, *Conference Room*

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

For all the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone before us, we give thanks today. For all those who mothered us, some in addition to our own mothers, some in place of absent mothers, we recognize you, and give thanks for you. For all women who have been figures of grace and love in our lives, your example has been meaningful to us. We pray that this day brings visits, phone calls, and cards, love and light your way, mothers and mothering women. We love you!

## 2026 GRADUATES

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 12 so that we can recognize them in *The Link* and celebrate them at Youth & Graduate Sunday on May 17. Please include their full name, school, and degree. For high school graduates, we would also like to know their future plans. Thank you for helping us congratulate our graduating class of 2026!

## CHURCHYARD CLEANUP DAY

The churchyard landscaping and cleanup day originally scheduled for yesterday has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are still welcome and invited to bring their own yard tools for trimming, raking, and debris clean-up.

