

**The Order of Worship**  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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Minister: Rev. James Adams	Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Gary Brown	Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Music Director: Rebecca Haywood	Secretary: Vickie Ellis

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**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

**Gathering Before God**

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles	<i>So Many Hopes</i>	Wesley Bells
* Call to Worship		Projected
* Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	No. 89
* Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		All
* Song of Praise	<i>Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!</i>	
* Time of Greeting and Fellowship		

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time		
Scripture Song	<i>Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i>	
First Scripture Lesson	Acts 16:9-15	Mable Brown
The Gospel	John 14:1-31	
Special Music	<i>Glory to His Name</i>	Chancel Choir
Today's Message	"The Mother Side of God"	Rev. Adams

**Responding to God's Word**

* Hymn of Response	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	No. 141
* An Affirmation of Faith		Projected

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, sometimes we are confused.  
We hear the bad news continually shouted thru the media.  
We close our eyes to the hurt in our world for it is too much to bear.**

**We walk away, often crossing over  
to the side of self-importance and indifference.  
We are afraid to become involved.**

**O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies.  
Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ,  
that we may be empowered to service and care  
rather than apathy and in difference.**

**Forgive us, Lord, forgive us.  
Make us ready to truly become your disciples.  
For we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Debbie Mink

\* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Serving God in the World**

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song *He Lives* No. 310 (vs. 1)

**Calendar**

Today-10:55	Worship
Wednesday-6:00	Bible Study
6:00	Upward Evaluations
7:00	Choir
Thursday- 10:00	Sewing Circle
Saturday 12:00	Upward Evaluations

**Today's Volunteers**

Nursery Volunteer– Amy Burchett

Children's Church– Robin Smith

Acolytes – Matt Burchett, Andrew Burchett

Greeters – Mary Sue Moore, Mable Brown

**Next Week's Volunteers**

Nursery Volunteer – Julie Paxton

Children's Church – Erin Burchett

Acolytes – Tate Greene, Reece Hamilton

Greeters– Gary & Dawn Brown

Ushers– David Garrett, Pete Greene, Cal Herrick, Marty Osborne

**Other Announcements**

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., May 2 Morning Worship-90, Sunday School-45

**Graduation time** is coming soon, if you have or know someone who is graduating from High School or College, please notify the church office with names and degrees.

**Floyd Davis, Church historian**, is developing a series of monographs dealing with the history and development of our Church. These will be available at the cost of publication with all proceeds returning to the Church budget. The first two of these, "The Spanish Lady" (dealing with the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918) and "The More Abundant Life" (addressing First Church's entry into the Modern Age during the Twentieth Century) are currently available. Please contact the Church office or Floyd Davis if you would be interested.