

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 68)

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, **the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.** Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

Sing praises to God; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

O kingdoms of the earth, sing praises to the Lord!

Hymn 84 "We Praise You, Lord, for You Are Good"

Prayer of Confession *

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. We confess that we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (2 Corinthians 4:14-15)

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. **Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

Believe the promise of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 40:1 – 41:57

New Testament Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon "God Gives the Meaning"

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father, your glorious Spirit inspires a new way of life through the church. As we devote ourselves in prayer, you will strengthen our congregation in mission outreach. Direct our gifts for the purposes of your kingdom, O God. We pray through Christ, who ascended on high to your eternal throne in the heavens and prays for us. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer *(trespasses)*

Hymn 157 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Benediction

Postlude

* Prayer by Baron Mullis provided for free distribution by
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Church Calendar

Saturday, May 16 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Sunday, May 17 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome to worship God with us in person or
via live stream, followed by refreshments at coffee hour.

Churches’ Golf Tournament

Board Game Cafe 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of dinner and board games.

Tuesday, May 19 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:00 p.m.

Wed., May 20 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will discuss Chapter 10, “Tending the Shoots of Self-
Control.” Join us in the church Parlor or via Zoom at this
link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89438146757>
Meeting ID: 894 3814 6757.

Tots Time 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Toddlers and caregivers enjoy conversation and snacks.

Friday, May 22 **Church Office Closed / Pastor’s Day Off**

Saturday, May 23 **Spring Fair** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bring your family and friends to our spring fundraiser featuring
a bake sale, lunch items to buy, crafts, golf balls, and more!

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.



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