

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, June 29

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Friday, July 4

The Church Office will be closed

Sunday, July 6

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, July 8

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, July 13 - Our Next Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carter BloodCare Mobile Unit will be here
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages



Tuesday, July 15 through Tuesday, July 29

Rev. Doughton will be away on a family vacation

Wednesday, July 16

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, July 20 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Diane Pennington

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday, July 23

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Friday, July 25

The church office will be closed

Sunday, July 27 - Guest Preacher, Rev. Kenny Rigoulet

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday, July 30

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 3

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 10 - Blessing of the Backpacks

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, August 12

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting in Crossroads Class
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in the Enquiry Classroom

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals

Sunday, August 17 - Rally Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Indoor Picnic in Wilbanks Hall

Help a neighbor by donating blood.

Local donors save local lives: Carter BloodCare donors made the difference for many Texas patients.

Our next Blood Drive will be Sunday, July 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please roll-up your sleeve and give the gift of life.

Schedule Your Appointment Now!



Having trouble hearing during worship?

We have listening devices available in the Welcome Center, if so desired.

Having trouble reading the hymnal?

We also have hymnals with large print available.

Ushers will be glad to assist you with any and all your needs.

Elder Sign-up Sheet for the second half of the year has been posted in the hall by Rev. Doughton's Office. Please sign-up today!



THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total items collected thus in June far exceeded the 100 items. Thank you to all who contribute!

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

June 29, 2025

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

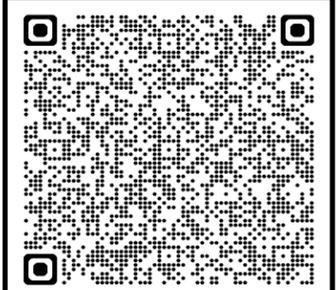
About the Cover Picture

Dwelling on the Word of the Lord is like resting by streams of water. The growth is deep and green-even when it is hot. Today we return to a Psalm and a Parable that illustrate this point.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; 1 Peter 1:3*
Grace and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also to you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By the great mercy of God we have been born anew to a living hope. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 625 *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*
Carl Boberg wrote the first form of this hymn as a poem in 1885. Later, a missionary, Dr Stuart Hine, took the poem and expanded it verse by verse.

During a 1954 Billy Graham Crusade, George Beverly Shea saw a leaflet with the hymn. He played it at a 1955 Crusade. From that point it grew to be a very popular hymn.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, Gracious, and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All-knowing God, as we hear Your Word read and preached, may we hear today Your special message to us, may we gain insight for the week ahead, and may we see Your larger purposes for our lives in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:18-23

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the Word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the Word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 840 *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)*

Horatio G. Spafford wrote this hymn as a means of addressing his grief. His four daughters had died when their ship sank. Only their mother, his wife, had survived.

SERMON

The God Who Plants

Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

"God Be with You" was written by Jeremiah Rankin, pastor of Washington's First Congregational Church and President of Howard University. He wrote it after discovering that "good-bye" meant "God Be with You."

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

God, We Honor You

James E Clemens

God, we honor You. God, we trust in You.

God, we worship and adore You.

Take what we bring, offered to You.

Teach us to show Your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

POSTLUDE

Following the Response we will have our Postlude. Please be seated.

Music Spotlight

The worship music for today was selected by one of our choir members, *Karen Carboni*. "These familiar hymns are a gentle reminder of those I have loved who have gone on before me."

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Brenda Greer (11:00)
Ushers † - Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,
Michael Lee, and Robbie Lee (8:45);
Rodney Graham, Dallas Ward,
Mary Claire Doughton, and Zoe Futrell (11:00)