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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Worship

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A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.

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Piano & Organ: Terri Boykin

Daymark Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

First-time guests, please text "WELCOME" to (910) 460-9998

Prelude

"Faith of Our Fathers"

*Call to Worship

In every season, in every breath, we are held in the mercy of God.

When the world feels uncertain, when the path is unclear,

We come to the One who is our refuge and our home.

Like those who have gone before us, we entrust our lives to God—
for our times are in God's hands.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commit our spirit.

Christ calls us not into fear, but into dwelling—

into a place prepared, a life held secure in love.

We will not let our hearts be troubled; we trust in God.

We are being built together—living stones, shaped by grace—

a holy people, a dwelling place for God's Spirit.

We come to be formed, to be rooted, to belong.

So come, let us worship the One who gathers us,
who holds our lives, and makes us home.

We offer ourselves to God—our refuge, our cornerstone, our peace.

*Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

UMH 545

*Opening Prayer

**God, the great architect, designing a world where no one is left out:
You established Jesus as the cornerstone for a temple where the Holy
Spirit roams freely, going forth to all people. Redesign our churches
and nations to imitate Your heavenly temple, where there is no center
and no margin. Begin by redesigning our hearts as we worship You this
day. Amen.**

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Bobbi Edge

Ministry Moment

Summer Literacy Update

SwanKids Worship

*All kids are welcome to follow our staff to the Ministry Center (Bldg. 3) for SwanKids
Worship during the sermon. They will return for communion with their families.*

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Anthem

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Choir

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

Sermon

Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We
have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will; we
have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have
not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that
proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song

"Sarabande"

Mark Munger

*Doxology

UMH#94

*The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction or by using prepackaged
gluten-free elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand, and a pastor
will bring communion to you.*

*After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/or go to one of our prayer stations to
receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the
altar rail go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, used primarily to assist the needy.*

Communion Song

"How Beautiful"

Choir

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"Go to the World"

W&S #3158

**"Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews
life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Please stand as you are able.*