

Midway Hills
Christian Church



May 5, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

This country is made up of so many who escaped to the “promised land” from oppressive regimes. Throughout history, people have had to flee situations of horror. Even within our country and in our own time, there are those who live with oppression and fear. We seek to widen our understanding of what we must do to continue to work for liberation on so many fronts.

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship [in unison]

Mia Martin

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Hymn 60

*Cantamos Al Señor
(Let's Sing unto the Lord)*

ROSAS

Baby Dedication

Jesus Ramon Nino Uzcategui

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

The Community Responds

Collective Story of the Resurrection

John 21:9-19

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Moment

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

Mia Martin

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! (NRSVUE)

¡Aleluya! Alaba, alma mía, al Señor. Alabaré al Señor toda mi vida; mientras haya aliento en mí, cantaré salmos a mi Dios. No pongan su confianza en gente poderosa, en simples mortales, que no pueden salvar. Exhalan el espíritu y vuelven al polvo, y ese mismo día se arruinan sus planes. Dichoso aquel cuya ayuda es el Dios de Jacob, cuya esperanza está en el Señor su Dios, que hizo el cielo y la tierra, el mar y todo lo que hay en ellos y que siempre mantiene la verdad. El Señor hace justicia a los oprimidos, da de comer a los hambrientos y pone en libertad a los cautivos. El Señor da vista a los ciegos, el Señor levanta a los agobiados, el Señor ama a los justos. El Señor protege al extranjero y sostiene al huérfano y a la viuda, pero frustra los planes de los malvados. ¡Oh Sión, que el Señor reine para siempre! ¡Que tu Dios reine por todas las generaciones! ¡Aleluya! (NVI)

Anthem

When Twilight Comes

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

Sermon

"Liberated"
Exodus 3:1-15

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Institution of the Table

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Communion Prayer

Laura Mitchell

Communion Hymn 396

Una Espiga
(Sheaves of Summer)
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

UNA ESPIGA

Communion

Please hold the "bread" until prompted by the minister. We will eat in unison.
Please hold the "cup" until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.

Passing of the Peace

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Hymn 71**

Your Love, O God

VICAR

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn**

Song of Going Forth
(Tune: "I Love To Tell the Story")

The Savior of our stories has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story, for others need it too.
To ev'ry one who's hurting ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

arr. Cindy Berry

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Senior Minister

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
Minister of Church Life

Kathy Corporon
Coordinator of
Children's Programs

Jeff Crouse
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons
Administrative Assistant

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James Lackey

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MAY ELDERS
Frank Martin
Laura Mitchell
(Frank Martin, Elders Chair)

MAY DEACONS
Adriana Escalante
Mark Holmgren
(John Nation, Deacons Chair)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

Evening Book Study meets Mondays at 7 p.m. thru May 27.

We are studying the book by Kat Armas, "Abuelita Faith: What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength." Come in person or join online as we explore our faith together. Reading the book is helpful for discussion but not mandatory. This study is led by Rev. Laurie.

Anti-Gun Violence project meets today, 1:00-2:15 p.m. in community hall.

The youth of MHCC and First Plano will gather to create a t-shirt memorial for the anti-gun violence installation that will be assembled on Midway Road (in front of MHCC). The project is in coordination with Texas Impact - called Vidas Robadas (Stolen Lives). We will be writing on t-shirts the name, date, and age of a Dallas resident whose life was taken by a gun. There will also be "white" t-shirts with the suicide lifeline number.

Elders Meeting moves to Saturday, May 11, this month only, at 10:00 a.m.

First Tuesday Ladies' Lunch is May 7, 11:30 a.m.

Join us at Escondido TexMex Restaurant, 5950 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230.

Intergenerational/All Church Vacation Church School (VCS) coming soon.

June 11, 12, 13, 6-8 p.m. Community meal provided. Learn more in The Echo.

Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings.

Every Monday – Evening Book Study, 7:00 p.m. (except May 6)

Every Thursday – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *Open to all MHCC members. Emphasis on prayers for MHCC, local, state, national and global issues.*

May 6 & 20 – Executive Committee, 6:00 p.m.

May 8 – Mission & Outreach Committee, 7:00 p.m.

May 11 – Elders Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

May 15, 29 – Staff Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

May 16 – Finance Team, 7:30 p.m.

May 19 – Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Chris Sparrer, Emily Adams, Tinker Miller

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's father, Richard Richarson, her mother, Sue, and her siblings; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; Christy Horn's mother, Nancy Glover; David Hammons' wife, Joan; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Cathy Parker
Peggy Dowdey

Jayne & Chris Sparrer
Frank & Millie Martin

Sympathy:

❖ to former MHCC member Don Bohlcke on the death of his wife Donna Bohlcke

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Dedication of Jesus Ramon Nino Uzcategui
- The work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Deacons and Elders serving at MHCC
- Hosting asylum seekers at MHCC
- Our guests/visitors in worship

Please pray for our city and state:

- Early voting underway
- Repeal of SB4
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity

Please pray for our nation and world:

- Peace for Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Gun violence: prayers for NRA convention in Dallas May 18
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- All who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- End to gun violence, and those impacted by it.
- Anti LGBTQ legislation
- All who struggle with mental health.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2024

Sunday

May 5

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| 9:30 a.m. | Choir practice | 11:00 a.m. | Children's Church |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Class | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship |
| 1:00 p.m. | Youth anti-gun violence project (until 2:15) community hall | | |
| 3:00 p.m. | NTA CCSW Assembly, Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound, TX | | |

Monday

May 6

- 10:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 11:00) community hall
- 12:00 p.m. Raincatcher's Plant Sale (until 6:00) courtyard/terrace
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Abuelita Faith Book Study

Tuesday

May 7

- 8:00 a.m. Raincatcher's Plant Sale (until 5:00) courtyard/terrace
- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 10:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 11:00) community hall
- 11:30 a.m. First Tuesday Ladies' Lunch Group, Escondido TexMex Restaurant, 5950 Royal Lane, Dallas
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

Wednesday

May 8

- 10:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 11:00) community hall
- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch, community hall
- 7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting, conference room

Thursday

May 9

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 11:00) community hall
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

Friday

May 10

- 10:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 11:00) community hall

Saturday

May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Elders Meeting

Sunday

May 12

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| 9:30 a.m. | Choir practice | 11:00 a.m. | Children's Church |
| 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Class | 11:00 a.m. | Morning Worship |

