



**MIDWAY HILLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.

May 3, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by
day." - Godspell

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Carol Hargis-Nation

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Day by Day

arr. Craig Courtney

*Call to Worship

Joan Holland

One: Holy Spirit, gather us in—
as you gathered the first believers in devotion and wonder.

Many: Gather us in to learn, to pray, to be changed.

One: Draw us into a fellowship where joy is shared
and burdens are lifted.

Many: Shape us into a community marked by signs of the Spirit.

One: Break us open like bread
so our lives may nourish and bless.

Many: Break us open for generosity and compassion.

One: Fill us with awe at the quiet and bold ways you move.

Many: Fill us with awe, and make us ready for your work.

One: Knit us together in praise and purpose.

Many: With glad and generous hearts, we worship you.

*Hymn 25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Responsive Hymn 34

Glory to God

GLORY TO GOD

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 Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Joan Holland

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (NRSVUE)

Se mantenían firmes en la enseñanza de los apóstoles, en la comunión, en el partimiento del pan y en la oración. Todos estaban asombrados por los muchos prodigios y señales que realizaban los apóstoles. Todos los creyentes estaban juntos y tenían todo en común: vendían sus propiedades y posesiones, y compartían sus bienes entre sí según la necesidad de cada uno. No dejaban de reunirse unánimes en el Templo ni un solo día. De casa en casa partían el pan y compartían la comida con alegría y generosidad, alabando a Dios y disfrutando de la estimación general del pueblo. Y cada día el Señor añadía al grupo los que iban siendo salvos. (NVI)

Special Music

Sermon "Day By Day" Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Call to Prayer Hymn 306 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* HEAR OUR PRAYER

Prayers of the People Rev. John O'Neal

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

From Spirituality and Practice, by Parker J. Palmer.
Inspired by Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4.

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.**

Call to Giving Val Cunningham

Responsive Hymn 41 *Halle-Halle-Halleluja* Caribbean

Passing of the Peace

Communion Hymn 392 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table Mark Holmgren

Prayer of Thanksgiving Mark Holmgren

Institution of the Table Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Those who are able are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive the elements and partake by intinction. Those serving will tear a piece of bread. You will dip it in the cup. You may return to your seat via the side aisles. The Table of the Lord is open to all. Christ invites us into communion.

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

All: We have shared the bread and cup and offer joyful thanksgiving to Christ, the One who rises in victory over death and offers us new life.

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed!

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

Mark Holmgren

***Invitation Hymn 433**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Blessing**

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Postlude

Rejoicing in God

Colin Curtis

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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."

BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."

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 social issues that affect our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter and Friday Flash for details and more.)

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch meets May 5 at 11:30.

Join us for Cinco de Mayo at El Fenix, Forest Lane at Webb Chapel, at 11:30 a.m. Let Carol Hargis-Nation know if you are coming so she can get a table set up.

All Church Prayer has resumed at 8:30 a.m. Thursdays on Zoom.

Jeans Drive for Now-Forward wrap-up.

Thanks to those who participated in our drive for men's and boys' jeans for Now-Forward! We collected a total of 28 pairs! These will be greatly appreciated, as many of Now-Forward's clients work in construction. Although our official drive has concluded, you can donate new or gently used jeans at any time — just drop them in the red shopping cart in the front church hallway! Thanks again Midway Hills and Master Gardeners for your donations to our jeans drive!

Mark your calendar:

Trustees Meeting - May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting - May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - May 14, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - May 17, 12:15 p.m.

Elders Meeting - May 31, 12:15 p.m.

All Church Prayer - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. on Zoom

Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Don Manworren, Dan Gaylord, Lydia Bare, Bryen Lackey, Nina Boothe

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

online worshiper Jean McClellan; Jackie Wintle; Dan Gaylord's parents, Linda and Larrie Gaylord; Mary Ludwick's nephew, David Harris; online worshiper Kathy Nida's friend Diane; Laura Mitchell's sister, Mercedes Alcazar; Mary Ludwick's sister, Alice Collins; Christy Horn's mother-in-law, Barbara Horn; David Hammons' wife, Joan

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Elaine Manworren	Nina Boothe	Jim Gilmore	Jose Columbo
Frank & Millie Martin	Jeryl Crawford	Gay Gilmore	
Lynne Stokes	Judy Mank	James Lackey	

Christy Horn and children Betsy, Fletcher, Cameron
Robin Copeland and family on the passing of her mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Keller
Madeline Cotton and family on the death of her brother Roger Allen Cotton

Sympathy:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Muslim community
- Religious freedom legislation
- Legislative sessions
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- Peace in Ukraine, Palestine, Venezuela, Iran and all places where tyranny threatens human flourishing and the name God is used in vain to justify violence
- Anti trans legislation around the nation
- Disappearance and deportation of immigrant siblings
- Health care and women's reproductive rights
- All who are suffering from climate disasters nationally and worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- End gun violence.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

Sunday

May 3

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Tuesday

May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 11:30 a.m. First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch, El Fenix, Forest Lane at Webb Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

May 6

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday

May 7

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

Sunday

May 10

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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