



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

May 10, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"All shall be well, and all shall be well
and all manner of things shall be well.

For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will
never let us go." - Julian of Norwich

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

Kathy Leslie

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Call to Worship

Val Cunningham

One: People of the Risen Christ, come, to worship the God who is beyond all temples and nearer than our own breath.

Many: We come to praise the One who holds all creation in love's wide embrace.

One: God who is known and unknown, ancient and ever-new, Maker of all peoples and the ground of every life—

Many: We come seeking the Living God who raised Jesus from the dead and calls all creation into newness.

One: In Easter gladness we gather to praise the ever-living one.

Many: Praise God! Hail and Hosanna!

*Opening Hymn 10

Bring Many Names

WEST CHASE

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

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 17:22-31

Val Cunningham

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from

**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

John Nation

Responsive Hymn 41

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

Caribbean

Passing of the Peace

Communion Hymn 422

*Let Us Talents
and Tongues Employ*

INSTEAD

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Institution of the Table

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

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. Andy Mangum

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

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

***Invitation Hymn 439**

*God, Dismiss Us
with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

***Blessing**

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Cindy Berry

*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.

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Jeff Crouse
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons
Administrative Assistant

Douglass Anne Cartwright
Bookkeeper

TECH CREW
James Lackey
John Leslie

GRAPHICS, WEBSITE
Kate Lynch

MAY DEACON
Clayton Cunningham

MAY 10 ELDER
Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

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

We welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum to MHCC today.

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum is Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest. He works alongside the Regional Executive Minister, six localized Community Regional Ministers, and three support staff to serve Disciples congregations and ministries in Texas, New Mexico and the Panhandle of Oklahoma.

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

Flowing Forward: A Fight Against Period Poverty

The Mission and Outreach Committee is holding a drive to collect items to create Period Packs. The packs will be donated to Now-Forward for distribution to clients who need them. The items needed are listed in The Echo newsletter. You can order directly from our Amazon Wish List (link in The Echo) or use the Wish List to see examples of what we need and buy elsewhere. If you are more comfortable making a monetary donation and letting us purchase the supplies, that's perfectly fine! Please give cash to Sara or Kathy Leslie, or Megan Mercer. We will be collecting items throughout the month of May, and assembling the Period Packs in June. Place your donations in the red shopping cart in the church foyer.

Mark your calendar:

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

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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; 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 to:

- ❖ Mary Ludwick and family and friends on the loss of her nephew, David Harris, May 7, 2026.
- ❖ Family and friends of former member Barbara Dreiman, who passed away recently. Condolence cards can be sent to Julie at 1409 Quimera Trail SE, Albuquerque, NM 97123.

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 10, 2026

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

Monday

May 11

- 11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall

Tuesday

May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

May 13

- 11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall

Thursday

May 14

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Sunday

May 17

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

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