



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

June 7, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"I feel a complete protection on my pilgrimage. God is my shield. There are no accidents in the Divine Plan nor does God leave us unattended. No one walks so safely as those who walk humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith."
- Peace Pilgrim

Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Kathy Leslie

The Community Gathers

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Cindy Berry

*Call to Worship

Gary Springer

One: God calls us, as God called Abram: to rise, to trust, to step into a future not yet seen.

Many: We set our feet on the road of promise, carrying only faith and the blessing God gives.

One: God speaks a word of becoming: "I will show you the land; I will make you a blessing."

Many: We open our lives to God's leading, that all the earth may know God's grace.

One: Come, people of God, pilgrims of hope and bearers of blessing.

Many: We worship the One who calls, who guides, who builds a new future through us.

*Opening Hymn 464

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Invocation

Rev. Gerald Emanuel

Musical Response 263

Surely the Presence of the Lord

WOLFE

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

Genesis 12:1-9

Gary Springer

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of

Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. (NRSVUE)

El Señor dijo a Abram: «Deja tu tierra, tus parientes, la casa de tu padre y ve a la tierra que te mostraré. »Haré de ti una nación grande y te bendeciré; haré famoso tu nombre y serás una bendición. Bendeciré a los que te bendigan y maldeciré a los que te maldigan; ipor medio de ti serán bendecidas todas las familias de la tierra!». Abram partió, tal como el Señor se lo había ordenado, y Lot se fue con él. Abram tenía setenta y cinco años cuando salió de Jarán. Al encaminarse hacia la tierra de Canaán, Abram se llevó a su esposa Saray, a su sobrino Lot, a toda la gente que habían adquirido en Jarán y todos los bienes que habían acumulado. Salieron para la tierra de Canaán y allá llegaron. Abram atravesó toda esa región hasta llegar a Siquén, donde se encuentra el gran árbol de Moré. En aquella época, los cananeos vivían en esa región. Allí el Señor se apareció a Abram y le dijo: «Yo daré esta tierra a tu descendencia». Entonces Abram edificó un altar al Señor, porque se le había aparecido. De allí se dirigió a la región montañosa que está al este de Betel, donde instaló su tienda de campaña, teniendo a Betel al oeste y Hai al este. También en ese lugar erigió un altar al Señor e invocó su nombre. Después, Abram siguió su viaje por etapas hasta llegar a la región del Négev. (NVI)

Anthem

Sermon "A Pilgrim People" Rev. Gerald Emanuel

Musical Response 259 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Call to Giving Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Responsive Hymn 379 *Accept, O God the Gifts We Bring* ELLACOMBE

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace Rev. Gerald Emanuel

Communion Hymn 419 *All Who Hunger,
Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Invitation to the Table John Nation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer over the Elements

John Nation

Words of Institution

Rev. Gerald Emanuel

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the 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 of Thanksgiving

Rev. Gerald Emanuel

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

John Nation

***Invitation Hymn 458**

Ours the Journey

OURS THE JOURNEY

***Benediction**

Rev. Gerald Emanuel

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Phillip Keveren

*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.)

We welcome Rev. Gerald Emanuel as our guest preacher this morning.

Flowing Forward: Help assemble Period Packs this Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Recent studies show that two in five people who menstruate experience period poverty. This is why the Mission and Outreach Committee held a drive to collect items to create Period Packs. THANK YOU so much to everyone who helped make this effort a success! Your donations will truly make a difference for those in need! We exceeded our goal of 100, collecting enough supplies for 110 Period Packs for Now-Forward, with extra items to donate to the Pink Door Project. We are having an all church event to assemble the Period Packs TODAY, outside the Gathering Space following worship. Everyone is invited to help! You can help end period poverty. PERIOD.

New MHCC Bylaws were adopted last Sunday.

See the link in The Echo to view the approved Bylaws.

Join us online in the sanctuary for General Assembly, July 10-11.

Begins the evening of July 10. Registration is now open and is only \$30 per person. See the Registration link in The Echo.

Mark your calendar:

Finance Committee - June 11, 7:00 p.m.

Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) - June 17, 12:00 p.m., community hall

Board Meeting - June 21, 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:

Judy Mank, Don Manworren, Dan Gaylord, 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; David Hammons' wife, Joan

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

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

Sympathy to:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- Mary Ludwick's brother, John Croix, is out of the hospital
- Our guests/visitors in worship in the 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 JUNE 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Period Pack Assembly, gathering area

Tuesday

June 9

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

Thursday

June 11

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

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