



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

June 28, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Seeing a person or piece of creation trampled should always disrupt something in us. It should always do something to the soul. And when you trace that trampling back across generations and systems and powers, a quiet sorrow is born in you."

— Cole Arthur Riley

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Mary Ludwick

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

arr. Cindy Berry

*Call to Worship

Joan Holland

One: Where ignorance, self-love and insensitivity have fractured life in community,

Many: give your light, O God of love.

One: Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples,

Many: give your light, O God who frees.

One: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,

Many: give your light, O God of grace.

One: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and fear have challenged your goodness,

Many: give your light, O God of peace.

One: Eternal God,
open the eyes of the nations and peoples
so that they may walk in the light of love:
remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples
so that they may drink from the fountains of your goodness.

Many: Amen.

*Opening Hymn 662

Cuando el Pobre

EL CAMINO

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson

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

Amos 8:1-6; 11-13

Joan Holland

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead

bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. On that day the beautiful young women and the young men shall faint for thirst. (NRSVUE)

Esto es lo que el Señor y Dios me mostró: una canasta de fruta madura y me preguntó: «¿Qué ves, Amós?». «Una canasta de fruta madura», respondí. Entonces el Señor me dijo: «Ha llegado el tiempo de que Israel caiga como fruta madura; no volveré a perdonarlo. »En aquel día —afirma el Señor y Dios—, las canciones del palacio se volverán lamentos. ¡Muchos serán los cadáveres tirados por todas partes! ¡Silencio!». Oigan esto, los que pisotean a los necesitados y exterminan a los pobres de la tierra. Ustedes dicen: «¿Cuándo pasará la fiesta de luna nueva para que podamos vender grano o el día de reposo para que pongamos a la venta el trigo?». Ustedes buscan achicar la medida y aumentar el precio, falsear las balanzas y vender los deshechos del grano, comprar al desvalido por dinero y al necesitado, por un par de sandalias. »Vienen días», afirma el Señor y Dios, «en que enviaré hambre al país; no será hambre de pan ni sed de agua, sino hambre de oír las palabras del Señor. La gente vagará sin rumbo de mar a mar; andarán errantes del norte al este, buscando la palabra del Señor, pero no la encontrarán. En aquel día se desmayarán de sed las jóvenes hermosas y los jóvenes fuertes. (NVI)

Anthem *Offertory* John Ness Beck

Sermon "Ignoring God" Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson

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

Prayers of the People Rev. John O'Neal

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.

Call to Giving John Nation

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

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson

Communion Hymn 515

Give Me a Clean Heart

DOUROUX

Invitation to the Table

Carol Hargis-Nation

Prayer over the Elements

Carol Hargis-Nation

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson

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.

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

Carol Hargis-Nation

***Invitation Hymn 265**

*Spirit of God,
Descend upon My Heart*

MORECAMBE

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson

Postlude

Give Thanks

arr. Mark Hayes

*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 to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger and 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 to MHCC today our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Kevin Henson. He is Director of Development at Brite Divinity School.

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch will meet July 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us at Canton Chinese Restaurant, 400 N. Greenville, Richardson. It is just south of Apollo Road in China Town.

All are welcome for General Assembly, July 10-11, in the sanctuary.

Make plans to attend July 10, 4:45-6:30 p.m. and/or Saturday, July 11, 9:45-5:00 p.m. To sign up to attend at MHCC, complete the form in The Echo and also register via the red button in The Echo. Registration is now open and is only \$30 per person.

Mark your calendar:

Elders Meeting - June 28, 12:15 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting - July 2, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee - July 9, 7:00 p.m.
General Assembly - July 10, 4:45 p.m.
General Assembly - July 11, 9:45 a.m.
Board Meeting - July 19, 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:

Johnny Mercer, recuperating well at home following surgery; Chris Sparrer—home from the hospital; Jayne Sparrer; Elaine Manworren—rehab; 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; Mary Ludwick's brother, John Croix; 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:

- ❖ Laura Mitchell and family and friends of her sister, Mercedes Alcazar, who passed away June 20.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Jayne and Chris Sparrer's wedding anniversary
- Elaine and Don Manworren celebrated their 69th anniversary on June 15. Elaine is in rehab. Please send any cards or letters to their home address at 6101 Ohio Dr. Apt. 1407, Plano, TX 75024-2729.
- 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 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28

- 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. Elders Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Cosmopolitan Church (until 6:30) sanctuary, gathering area, nursery

Tuesday

June 30

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

Thursday

July 2

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

U.S. Independence Day (Church office will be closed July 6.)

July 4

- 6:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group Birthdays Celebration, community hall

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5

- 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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