**Hoover First**

 **United Methodist Church**

 **Reaching out to all people, inviting them to experience the love of**

 **Jesus Christ**

Last Sunday after Pentecost

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

 

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**Order of Worsh****ip**

**Gath****ering Music** Connie Logan, OrganJoyce Godwin, Harpist

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Prelude** ”**Christ Is the World’s Light”**  Hoover First

 Music Trio

**Choral Call to Worship ”I Love You, Lord”**  L. Klein

\***Hymn of Praise “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 89**

\***Responsive Act of Praise**

Is someone here moving toward the twilight of life and fearful of that which

 we call death?

 **Why be afraid? God is able.**

Is someone here on the brink of despair because of the death of a loved one,

 the breaking of a marriage, or the waywardness of a child?

 **Why despair? God is able to give us the power to endure that which**

 **cannot be changed.**

Is someone here anxious because of bad health?

 **Why be anxious? Come what may, God is able.**

 **Surely God is able.**

**\*The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was

 In the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” No. 382**

**Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

**Choral Call to Prayer “Open Our Eyes”** B. Cull

**Silent Meditation and Prayer**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom**

 **come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day**

 **our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those**

 **who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but**

 **deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and**

 **the glory, forever. Amen**

**\*Offering Announcement**

***We are not passing offering plates this morning. There is an offering plate at the back door you can place your offering in when you leave the sanctuary. During this time, you are encouraged and invited* *to give to keep commitments current. We have several ways you can do this. Mail a check to the church or give online.***

**Anthem “Blest Are They ”**  David Haas

 **The Chancel Choir Tammi Powell, Director**

**The Scripture Lesson**  2 Corinthians 12: 1 – 10

 **It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on**

 **to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a person in Christ**

 **who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether**

 **in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And**

 **know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do**

 **not know; God knows – 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard**

 **things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5**

 **On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not**

 **boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a**

 **fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no**

 **one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,**

 **7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.**

 **Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in**

 **the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being**

 **too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it**

 **would leave me, 9 but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,**

 **for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more**

 **gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.**

 **10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, per-**

 **secutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am**

 **weak, then I am strong.**

**Sermon “Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones – Pain/Illness” Jimmy Bassham**

\***Hymn of Dedication “Thine Be the Glory” No. 308**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”** J. Strathdee

**\*The Postlude**

 **Our Prayers**

Temmie Bibb, friend of Wilson & Eleanor Talmadge Ruth Nolen

Robin Alyson, sister-in-law of Laurel Hoag Pat and Tom Temple

Len Rhodes, daughter of Nell Howell Reese Wilson, friend

James Herron Kay Brasher, wife of Larry Brasher

Lori Mitchell, friend of Sherri Bassham Carol Collier

Nell Howell Ally Welch, friend of Jan Haizlip

Teresa Woods Tom and Dinah Remington friends of

James (Cot) Patton, friend of Bill Hayes Barbara Assell

Sandy Robinson, Daughter of Lorene Bates

 If you, your family, or any friends of family need prayers, please contact our church office at: (205) 822-8099

Income received as of 04/21/2024 $37,852.00

“**Stewardship”**

Stewardship is most importantly a spiritual practice. Stewardship is our thanksgiving to God for the blessings given to us and our commitment to each other. During this time when some are not worshiping face-to-face, we encourage you to continue to financially support Hoover First United Methodist.

Please remember to bring your food contributions as the Non-Perishable Food Drive

has started due to the demand being stronger at this time. Expiration date of items must be before 2025.

The Bible Study led by Sherri Bassham will be Tuesday, April 30th. We will continue our study of Philippians. We will meet at 10:00 A.M., and for those of you who would like to we will dine out afterward. We look forward to seeing all of you.

You are invited to a special screening of “A Walk With Joey” today at 2 P.M. in the sanctuary. This is the story of his life and will change yours forever. Free admission but donations are welcome.