

Prelude
Greeting and Announcements
Call to Worship

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

“God Is Here Today” **2049**
God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

Invocation
Worship in Song
“Because He Lives” **364**
Verse 1

God sent his son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain:
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because he lives!

Verse 2
How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance: this child can face uncertain days because he lives!
Refrain

“One Bread, One Body” **620**
Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
Refrain

Verse 2
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
Refrain

Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer

Anthem “Walk with Me this Day” Poorman
Scripture John 15:9-17
Sermon “No Greater Love” Rev. Brian Coplin

Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

“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.

Postlude

Prayer Concerns

To keep our Prayer List current, we plan to RE-SET it at the beginning of every month. If you know someone who needs to be placed on or remain on the prayer list for another month, please call the church office at 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin. He may be reached by cell phone 318 614 5050 or email him at:rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Kathy Alford
Kenneth Ammons
Carrie Broussard
Zelma Broussard
Cameron Burr
Elizabeth Clark
Wendy Curtis
Keith Cooper & Family (Brian Coplin's friend)
David Cox (Linda Boudreaux's brother)
Jason Fluitt
Glen Graham
Joyce Hay
John Hoagland
Kim King
Bobbie Kratz
Family of Judy Boudreaux Jones (Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Sharla Meyers (Vicki Simpson's friend's daughter)
Mike Morris
Cindy Nunez
Buck Phillips (Carolyn Gates' brother-in-law)
Gage Pickett
Jackie Snider

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Patsy McCormick
Ross Voorheis

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com. You can give to different funds just specify which fund. We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P. O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

Monthly Financial Update

Amount Needed Monthly:	\$17,487.00
Received in April	\$ 17,137.00
Received in May	\$ 100.00

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - VBS Planning Meeting immediately following Worship

Monday, May 6

6:00 p.m. - Scouts
6:00 p.m. - Ultreya - Holly Grove

Tuesday, May 7

12:00 p.m. - Lions Club

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 p.m. - Covenant Group
5:30 p.m. - WOW Kids
5:30 p.m. - Youth
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Friday, May 10

9:00 a.m. - Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship



NOTE TO PARENTS

All children are welcome in worship! We offer nursery care for children 0-5 years of age. Our nursery is located at the bottom of the front stairs. Additionally, our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. For the security of our young ones in these areas, all exterior doors are locked after the worship service has begun. Entry will then be available with the assistance of our ushers at the front glass doors. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of our little pantry. Current needs are protein items. For example: tuna fish, chicken, Vienna sausage, spam, nuts, etc. Also needed is canned or packaged fruit, any kind of bars or other individually wrapped items.

May Church Closing

May 5 - Dove
May 12 - Isgitt
May 19 - Nolen
May 26 - Norris

Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am - 4pm

The office will be closed on Fridays beginning May 10, 2024



May 5, 2024
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