

WHAT’S HAPPENING!

Please join us after the service for Hospitality Time in Criswell Hall

This week's activities:

Mon.	May 05	6:00 PM	Gerry's Quilting Class, Criswell Hall
Tue.	May 06	9:00 AM	Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
		10:00 AM	Sew ‘n’ Sews, McMillen Room 113
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
		1:00 PM	Bible Study, Criswell Hall
		5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Handbell Room 115
Wed.	May 07	9:00 AM	Church Work Morning, Criswell Hall
Thu.	May 08	9:00 AM	Senior Exercise, Criswell Hall
		10:00AM	Craft Workshop McMillen Room 113
		11:00 PM	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
		5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Handbell Room 115
Sun	May 11	8:30 AM	Informal Worship Service
		10:30 AM	Traditional Worship

Upcoming Events:

Sun.	May 11	Mother’s Day and UWF Recognition
Thr.	May 15	Everett Lee Taylor scholarship application deadline
Sun.	May 25	Staff Appreciation Sunday
Sun.	May 25	Movie Night 4:00PM The Long Game
Sun	June 08	ELT Scholarship Sunday
Sun.	June 15	PCPA play “Something Rotten” deadline to reserve tickets
Sat.	June 21	Scott Trees Garden Tour
Thu.	June 26	Children;s Center Promotions, Noon,S



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May 4, 2025 10:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Native American Ministries Sunday

PRELUDE	“Near to the Heart of God”	Cleland B. McAfee
INTROIT	For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1-2)	No. 92

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the gifts that native people of this land bring  
to our understanding of life.

**They offer a vision of life as a sacred circle,  
without beginning and without end.**

Let us honor the earth, the skies, and the seas, and see God  
in each tree, each leaf and in every blade of grass.

**Let’s rejoice in each bud, each blossom and in every bird and butterfly.**  
God is with us in all that God has made. Come worship the LORD!

*OPENING HYMN	All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1-4)	No. 62
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER.

**Great Spirit,  
whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice  
is heard in the soft breeze, we need your wisdom and strength.  
May our hands respect the things that you have made,  
and may our ears be sharp and listen to your voice. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The children are dismissed with their teacher after the children’s moment.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer      The Fragrance of Christ (refrain)      TFWS #2205  
Prayers of the People  
Choral Response      The Fragrance of Christ (refrain)      TFWS #2205

SPECIAL MUSIC      Gift of Love      ---Hal H. Hopson

SCRIPTURE      John 21:1-8

HYMN (remain seated)      Hymn of Promise      No. 707

SERMON      PRESCRIPTION FOR LIFE:  
Rx Laughter

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory      “Jesus, Good Above All Other”      Percy Dearmer  
\*Doxology/Prayer of Dedication      Hymnal, Page 94  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the Source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION      “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

\*HYMN      This is My Father’s World      No. 144

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE      On Eagle’s Wings      No. 143

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

POSTLUDE      “Come, Thou Almighty King”      Felice De Giardini

\* Please stand as able.

Assisting in today's service: Pastor: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis,  
Liturgist: Cristy Van Hook, Choir Director: Tricia Stewart,  
Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler, Organist: Brad Bettencourt, Children’s Sunday  
School Director: Carolyn Russell

John 21:1-8

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,\* Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards\* off.

HOSPITALITY: Today hosted by Methodist Men  
May 11 will be hosted by UWF

ATTENDANCE						
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN- PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	STEWARDSHIP
Apr 06	33	67	100	38	138	\$9,053
Apr 13	35	62	97	38	135	\$4,133
Apr 20	57	102	159	38	197	\$5,535
Apr 27	37	91	128	19	147	\$1,126
Weekly offering needed: \$6,231						Easter Offering: \$5,887
Budgeted: \$267,933						Easter Budgeted: \$5,500
Fiscal Year to Date: Received: \$277,426						