Eleven O’clock Worship  May 14, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter
WE GATHER IN THE LORD’S NAME

Greeting/Announcements: Worship Leader: Don Cherry
Meditation words: wheel...faith...sharing...chariot
Prelude

*Gathering Song:  Crown Him With Many Crowns  Red #317 v.1
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

*Salutation and Call to Worship:
Welcome to worship, wheels within wheels of God
May God in Jesus Christ be praised!
God's will rolls along and carries us with it
And we are His people as we travel.
Let us know and understand God and His majestic ways
And be ready to share the gospel with those who want to know.
"How will I know," said the eunuch, "unless someone explains it?"
So we begin there, and tell them about Jesus.
Faith is like a wheel within a wheel
As God nurtures and surrounds us, and amazes the world!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn:  Crown Him With Many Crowns  Red #317 v.2-4
May the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

*Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.
Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:  We give You thanks, Lord God, for all the wonder and grace You make possible in Your people. For networks of support and love, for chariots of progress and change, and for moments when the gospel of Christ is lived and shared with others, we give You thanks. For stories of people who believed, and grew, and made the church what it is today, we are grateful. Show us how to know and appreciate the greatness of Your grace, and enable us to find the humility we need to understand our place in Your kingdom. Grow us in faith and love, and put us in place as your ambassadors on earth, and on their way to heaven. As we worship, make us able to know Christ and make Him known, to be so filled with Your spirit that talking about faith to others is as natural as breathing. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen
*The Gloria Patri  Red Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus
Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children’s Church

First Scripture Reading:  Ezekiel 1:4-17  p. 803
Prayers of the People (see list below)  Red Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*The Lord's Prayer  Red Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Doxology
*The Apostles' Creed  Red Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading:  Acts 8:26-35  p.1064
Anthem:
Sermon:  “Wheel Within a Wheel”  Dr. Russell Lee
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn:  I Know Whom I Have Believed  Red # 407
*Charge and Blessing
Response
Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

C.W. & Leslie Bing,  Water for the Oppressed, Zambia
Shut-in: Corrine Williams
Elders and Deacons
Susan Wilkinson

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a bright yellow visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers - To the glory of GOD and in memory of our mothers Doris Chappell and Joan Sadler and in honor and memory of all precious mothers.

Ushers serving today are Winston Harrell and Steve Crutchfield at the North Door with James Edmunds and Tommy Wilkinson at the South door. Today’s Acolyte is Maelyn Freshour, and Bob Nelson doing audio at the 11 am service.

Children’s Church:  The children are invited to Children’s Church in the room across from the nursery. Children’s Church is for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Today’s leader is Virginia Crutchfield. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

Read Through The Bible - Today's sermon is from day 3 of week 35. Tomorrow, Monday, May 15 we begin week 36. We hope your readings are going well and you are up to date. To listen to the readings go to:  http://www2.bhpublishinggroup.com/m/rbl/daily-reading/

Upper Rooms - May/June edition is now available in the Foyer.

Deacons and Elders - Tomorrow, Monday, May 15 we will meet. Deacons at 7 pm and Elders at 7:30 pm.

Summer Mission Trip - the week of July 23-29! We will be working with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) in Richwood, WV, to help with recovery from the flooding there last fall. We will be housed in a former parsonage that has been renovated for this purpose. The cost of $100 per person covers housing, materials, and meals for the week. (Meals on travel days will be at your own expense.) NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY - there is a category for “Willing Helper” if you are interested in joining the team, or need more information, contact Kim Albert, kalbert@ntelos.net or 434-579-5011, or Rev. Lee.

Memorial Day Sunday - At 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 28 – a special moment has been planned commemorating Memorial Day. We will memorialize those who lost their lives serving our country, veterans no longer living, and (unconventional to tradition) will honor our living veterans and family/friends who supported them. Chris Jones with the choir and Teresa McCollum with the youth will participate to make these moments of remembering and of honoring God in our Country uniquely touching and special. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends to join us.

Mother's Day Flowers - God’s blessings on this Mother’s Day Sunday. We have cut flowers for all women present today, and a few for you to take to others as gifts. May God raise up Christian mothers who pass their faith to their children, and love God in Christ with all their hearts.

New Prayer Ministry - Next week we begin a new prayer ministry. If you desire to participate, as you enter the sanctuary, please take one of the slips of paper and write your name on it, fold it in half and place in basket by the door. Following worship, please take one of the slips of paper, make sure it is not your name, and think about and pray for this person during the coming week. Let’s see how God grows us in prayer and ministry.
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Children’s Church is available for children through grade 2 each Sunday.
5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the last Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am
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Overseas Missionary Fellowship International
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11:00 am Traditional Worship
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10:00 am Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 16
12:00 noon NA
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group
Wednesday, May 17
12:00 noon AA
6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 18
7:00 pm Men of the Church
8:00 pm AA
Friday, May 19
12:00 noon AA

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Prelude
Welcome/Prayer
Praise and Worship Time
(#51) Lord, I Lift Your Name On High (3:7)
This is Amazing Grace (inst)
(#77) Undivided (4:10)
Announcements
Prayer Time/The Lord’s Prayer (words on screen)
Offering
Come, Now is the Time to Worship (inst)
(16) Change My Heart, O God (1:16)
Greater Is He (inst)

Scripture:
Acts 8:26-35 p.1064

Sermon
"Wheel Within a Wheel" Dr. Russell Lee
Prayer
Closing Song
May the Love of God
Ann and Bob Eglyoff, Mike Marvin, Bill Joer,
and Russell Lee are today’s Praise Team
Usher for the 9 am service is Jim and Kathy Debiec
Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support
A nursery is available

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