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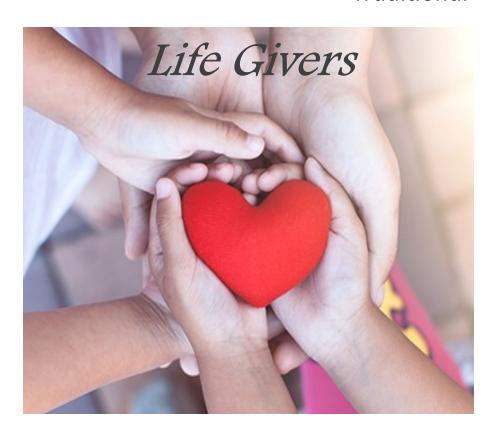
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Sunday Worship Service

May 28, 2023 | 9:30 AM

Prelude		Rebecca Spickler, organ
*Responsive Call To Worship		Andrew Irvin, Congregation
*Songs of Expectancy Hymn 334 FWS 2272		Sweet Sweet Spirit Holy Ground
*Invocation		Pastor Richard
*Responsive Reading: Acts 2::		Ben Canlas, Ofa Thompson, chaffer, Edem & Mary Udoh
*Glory Be To The Father (Glor	r ia Patri), Hymn 70	Congregation
Announcements		Linda Funderburk
Choral Praise	Was I Faithful?	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer and THE LORD	'S PRAYER	Pastor Richard
Song of Adoration, Hymn 645		O Perfect Love
Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18	3-24; Ephesians 5:21-	33 Linda Funderburk
Message "Spou	ses That Give Life"	Pastor Richard
Song of Response, Hymn 408		The Gift Of Love
Invitation To Give		Dan Tuttle
Offertory		Rebecca Spickler, organ
*Doxology (Amen)		Congregation
*Prayer of Dedication		Dan Tuttle
*Song of Victory, Hymn 717; vs 2	1, 3, 4	Battle Hymn Of The Republic
*Benediction		Pastor Richard
Assisting in Worship: Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin Liturgists: Linda Funderburk, Dan T	uttle, Safety Te	Bonnie Bowles, Dick Sloan, Bary Oldham am: Ray Bowles, Dusty Ramey LFrench, Wes Barton

Mary Udoh

Greeters: Doug & Adrienne Myers, Annette Mitchell, Ardell Lindsley

Musicians:

Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer

Organ: Rebecca Spickler Piano: Char Gaines

Sermon Notes: "Spouses That Give Life"

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I have come that they may have life to the full, John 10:10. Life-giving parents are willing to sacrifice their own desires and ambitions for of their child's future.
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Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson

Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin, Beren Canlas

Hospitality: Kathy Metcalf

William & Linda Mendez, Jared Vawter

Safety Team: Dusty Ramey Prayer Partners: Christie Howell

Announcements & Scripture: Christie Howell Tech Booth: Brooke Watson, Eric Metcalf

Worship Team:

Guitar: Beren Canlas, Dumisani Irvin

Bass Guitar: Ray Watson Keys: Aaron Thompson Drums: Jonathan Vawter

Vocals: Beren Canlas, Dumisani Irvin

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