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Traditional



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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	<i>Sweet Sweet Spirit</i>
FWS 2272	<i>Holy Ground</i>
*Invocation	Pastor Richard
*Responsive Reading: Acts 2:1-21	Ben Canlas, Ofa Thompson, Dan Schaffer, Edem & Mary Udoh
*Glory Be To The Father (Gloria Patri), Hymn 70	Congregation
Announcements	Linda Funderburk
Choral Praise	<i>Was I Faithful?</i> Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer and THE LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Richard
Song of Adoration, Hymn 645	<i>O Perfect Love</i>
Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:18-24; Ephesians 5:21-33	Linda Funderburk
Message	<i>"Spouses That Give Life"</i> Pastor Richard
Song of Response, Hymn 408	<i>The Gift Of Love</i>
Invitation To Give	Dan Tuttle
Offertory	Rebecca Spickler, organ
*Doxology (Amen)	Congregation
*Prayer of Dedication	Dan Tuttle
*Song of Victory, Hymn 717; vs 1, 3, 4	<i>Battle Hymn Of The Republic</i>
*Benediction	Pastor Richard

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson
Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin
Liturgists: Linda Funderburk, Dan Tuttle,
Ben Canlas, Ofa Thompson, Edem &
Mary Udoh
Greeters: Doug & Adrienne Myers,
Annette Mitchell, Ardell Lindsley

Ushers: Bonnie Bowles, Dick Sloan,
Gary Oldham
Safety Team: Ray Bowles, Dusty Ramey
Tech: Ed French, Wes Barton
Musicians:
Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer
Organ: Rebecca Spickler
Piano: Char Gaines

Sermon Notes: "Spouses That Give Life"

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What The Bible Says

Read Genesis 1:27.

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Read Revelation 21:2 & Revelation 22:17.

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Reaching for the Ideal

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Renew

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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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Our Mission

To bring people to the transforming power of Jesus Christ through membership in His family and to equip the members for ministry in the church and the world.



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