

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Gathering of God's People

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship *Shine, Jesus Shine* FWS 2173

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

**Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our
blindness and fill our world with glory.**

Sing verse 1

Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

**Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly
proclaim your Love.**

Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

Sing verse 2

Transform our lives.

Reform our souls.

Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

**Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy,
O Lord.**

Sing verse 3

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

*Prayer of Confession

O Gracious God,

**we think that we want to be healed of our blindness,
but actually we have become so comfortable in
our darkness that we fear the light.**

**It is as though we are living in a cave,
and rather than take a risk to face the light,
we prefer to face the dark wall.**

**Give us courage to take risks which will result in
not only our own transformation, but also the
transformation opportunities for others.**

**Forgive our stubborn insistence on
living in darkness.**

Take our hands and lead us to the light. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished
upon you. You have been healed and made whole in
God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

Children's Sermon

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Truitt Stetson Mosley, son of Kyle & Alex Mosley

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem *A Choral Benediction* Besig
Chancel Choir

Gospel Lessons Mark 8:22-26
Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Learning to See*

Response to God's Word

Choral Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn of Invitation and Dedication

Be Thou My Vision

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*Benediction

Members of the body of Christ,
may the unconditional love of God,
the deep peace of Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. Amen.

*Congregational Choral Response

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

*Postlude

Liturgist: Tara Armstrong

Prayers for...

*the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.
our men and women serving in harm's way.
neighbors served by our ministries
Rev. Ryan Bachuss, Lyndsey, and Emerson
churches in transition
families dealing with storm damage*

our church family... Ed & Bonnie House,
Rhonda Shirey, Dot Everett, Wanda Shambley, Verna Riley,
Fred Dietrich, Brenda Grimes, Joe Hirsch, Ron Randolph,
Neelie Dobbins, Sue Gregory, Bill Gibbs, Joan Coffey,
Mari Weidmann Sutterfield, Tina Freeman,
Dick & Joann Newcomb

hospice...Judson Hout, Ray Ellen

extended family... Bobby Clayborn, Charlie Atkins,
Greg Nettles, Jay Williams, Robyn Yarbrow, Willie Gibson,
Elizabeth Rowlett, Anita Walker, James Louviere

homebound or assisted living ...Joyce Mann,
Danny Barnes, Sarah Shirey, Ruth Dempsey, Pat Beasley,
Ann Ellen, Fay Kendrick

South District Prayer Partner...Sulpher Springs UMC

Happy 91st Birthday to Judson Hout on May 22nd!

Camden First United Methodist Church Staff

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This Week at Church

Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:00am Worship Broadcast on FM 97.1
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
5:00pm Youth

Monday, May 18, 2026

9:00am Food Pantry
11:00am Strong Women
2:30pm Great Hall Doors open
5:00pm Sue's Table
6:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

11:00am Strong Women
12:00pm Bible Study
5:45pm Leadership Team
7:00pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 22, 2026

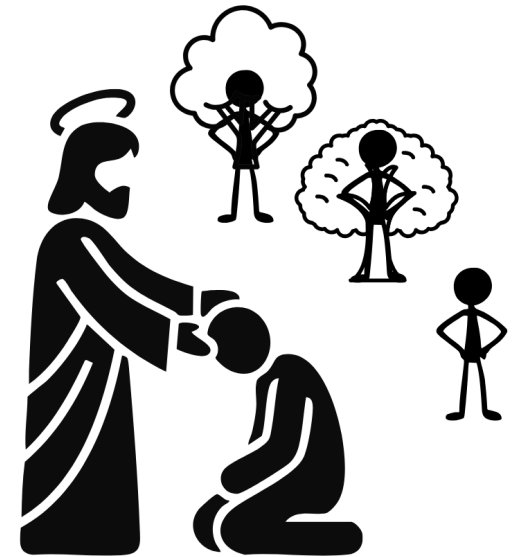
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**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

***Following Jesus
Loving People
Sharing Grace***