

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering of God's People

Welcome

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

### Call to Worship

Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

**We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

*O Spirit of the Living God*

*UMH 539*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*UMH 885*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right**

**hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he**

**shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, live in us on this day of Pentecost,  
as you live in your Son.**

**Draw us into communion with you**

**and with one another,**

**that we might glorify your name**

**and reveal your majesty to the world.**

**Help us courageously keep your commandments,**

**and boldly proclaim your mighty works,**

**through the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

The Spirit helps us in our weakness  
and removes our shame.

Rejoice, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Great Spirit leads us into life.

### Children's Sermon

## Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:18-25

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*The Anatomy of Hope*

## 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

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*UMH 530*

\*Benediction

Go, blessed by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Go, warned by God's sacred fire in your hearts.

Go, inspired by the glory of our Advocate.

\*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: Ellen Horseman

*The beautiful flowers on the altar are in loving memory  
of Mattie Upton in celebration of what would  
have been her 108th birthday on May 23rd  
by Dinah & Ray Weable and Betsy & Jim Etz.*

**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,  
Allen Dawson (JRMCPB)

**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 97th Birthday to Dot Everett on May 31st!*

**Camden First United Methodist Church Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Beth A. Waldrup  
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Choir Director/Organist.....Cynthia Outlaw  
Director of Missions.....Tate Wunnenburg  
Director of Preschool.....Jill Daugherty

**This Week at Church**

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

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

**Monday, May 25, 2026**

Memorial Day—All Ministries closed!

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

9:00am Food Pantry

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

11:00am Strong Women  
12:00pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

9:00am Food Pantry  
11:00am Strong Women

**The full worship service is broadcast on FM 97.1 on  
Sunday mornings at 9:00am. The Worship Service  
is available on our YouTube channel -  
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***Pentecost***

**May 24, 2026**

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