

Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church Worship Service

7322 Old Tuckaleechee Rd., Townsend, TN 37882

May 3, 2020, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Richard Rudesill

Prelude & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as Thou hast been, Thou forever will be. **Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above. Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Responsive Reading (From Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. **He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;** He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Morning Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Offertory

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

(See Online Video)

Children's Moment

Brenda Wilson

(See Online Video)

Anthem

(See Online Video)

Morning Scripture

John 10:1-10

Morning Message

"Gate's Wide Open"

(See Online Video)

***Hymn of Response**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction

Church Announcements

Our Annual Hands-on-Mission Bucket Project is going forward and due May 31st. Click on our website link for full information.

Wild Kids and Youth are meeting online weekly! We will be meeting via the Zoom application. See Elizabeth Rudesill for access codes to join us! **The Emmaus Reunion Group** is also meeting weekly online via the Zoom application. See Pastor for access codes to join us!

The Annual TUMC Cemetery Decoration is scheduled for May 8th, 9th and 10th. Talk with Glenn Myers or Joe Wilson for more information.

Second Harvest Distribution We will be receiving a truck on May 15th and distributing food on the 16th. No volunteers needed on the 15th. We will need a few hands on the 16th. We will likely start at 9 am. Pre-packaged food will be taken straight off the truck and put it in the cars. We are partnering with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church for this distribution and will be using their site since it is ideal for drive thru delivery.

Offerings : May be donated online at the Conference website (see below) or mail checks to TUMC, 7322 Old Tuckaleechee Road, Townsend, TN 37882. Offerings may be brought to Pastor's Office from 8-11 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or held until we can gather together again.

Online Offerings: The Holston Conference has set up a website to receive offerings. [Click Here to donate online](https://holston-reg.brapp.com/ChurchOffering) or type in the address <https://holston-reg.brapp.com/ChurchOffering>. District name, select "Smoky Mountain" and then select "Tuckaleechee UMC-Townsend, TN".

The Holston Annual Conference scheduled for June 7-10 will be delayed and shortened. We will be having a virtual meeting on June 27. The ordination service will be in late summer or early fall.

TN Governor Bill Lee rescinded the "Safer at Home" order for TN May 1st allowing for a limited reopening of the state. But he is still asking us not to have gatherings involving more than 10 people. Holston Conference Bishop Dindy Taylor has asked us to continue not meeting due to this and the order of Governor Northam of Virginia to keep that state closed through June 10. This will be reevaluated. We desperately want to see each other again! But we want to do it safely! Read the Bishops statement on our website.

Special Person for Month of May is Mrs. Sue Smith. Please send a card or make a call.