

## Announcements

Stairville's **Mother-Daughter Dinner** is Tue, May 12 at 6:00 pm. It is a covered-dish dinner. Please reach out to Christine to sign-up.

**Grief Share** meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm at Stairville.

**Stretching with the Oldies** meets Thursdays at 10 am at Stairville.

**New Hope Thrift Store** is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.

**New Hope Community Room & Library** is open Saturdays 12-3 pm and Thursdays 1-3 pm.

Pastor Scott can be reached at 570-200-5388 or somiller@susumc.org.

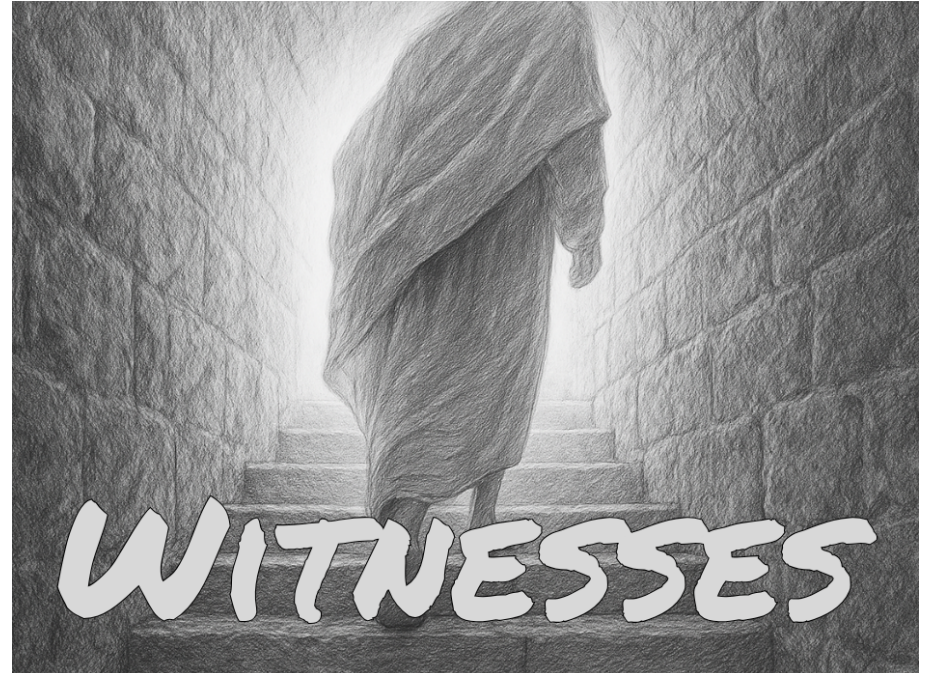
Out of necessity, we have refreshed the prayer list. To have someone added, please write it down and give it to Pastor Scott. Due to bulletin space, please limit requests to urgent and current needs.

### Please Hold in Prayer the Following:

Sadie Schultz, Michael Razvillas, Joe Simon, Neil Fierro, Mary Ann Razvillas, Ida Rossi, Kevin Gallagher, Claudia Strycharz, Nancy Prebola, Beverly Decker, Jane Dodson, Dale Myers, Dorothy Myers, Tammy Winterhalt, Helen Spaide, John Skirchak, Chuck Herring.

# Worship Bulletin

May 10, 2026



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Welcome to worship, we're so glad you're here!*

\* please stand as you are able      **BOLD** readings in unison

### GREETING, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We worship a God who is not far from any of us.

**P: In him we live and move and have our being.**

L: He is not confined to our buildings or our vocabulary.

**P: He is already present in the searching of every human heart.**

L: Paul found him named on an altar in Athens.

**P: Where might we find him named in our own neighborhood?**

L: Let us worship the God who is always closer than we think.

**P: And let us learn to point to what is already there.**

\* HYMN      "God of Grace and God of Glory"      UMH 577

#### \* OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**God who is never far away, grant us this morning Paul's gift of sight. Teach us to notice the altars already standing in people's lives, the quiet places where hearts are reaching for you even when your name has not yet been spoken. Give us wisdom to honor the longing before we try to guide it. Give us courage to speak the name of Jesus, who fulfills what others have only begun to seek. And remind us that we do not go alone, your Spirit goes ahead of us, preparing the way. Amen.**

\* PSALTER READING      Psalm 66      UMH 771

\* GLORIA PATRI      UMH 70

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)      UMH 790  
*"I believe in God the Father Almighty..."*

SCRIPTURE READING      Acts 17:22–31

*L: The Word of God for the people of God. P: Thanks be to God!*

### THE MESSAGE

"God Is Not Far"

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

UMH 895

*"Our Father, who art in Heaven..."*

### OUR OFFERING

\* DOXOLOGY / OFFERTORY PRAYER

UMH 95

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."*

### \* MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

\* HYMN      "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"      UMH 57

*Please use this time to place prayer rocks in the answered jar.*

### \* BENEDICTION

Go into a world full of people who are closer to God than they know. Walk through it with curiosity rather than condemnation. Look for the altars. Affirm the longing. And then tell them the name they have not yet heard. The Spirit goes with you. You are not alone. Go in peace. **Amen.**

*Who in your life is spiritually hungry but not yet in a church? What longings, questions, or practices suggest they are already reaching toward something larger? How might you name what they are reaching toward?*