

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 17, 2026

Build - a - Prayer



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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* Where indicated, stand if you are able.

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Theme from ‘Finlandia’”
Sibelius

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will Troxell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michelle Troxell

Leader: We’ve come to pray with you,

People: Lord, give me the grace to pray. Help me.

Leader: We know we need our connection with you,

People: Lord, show me how to draw near to you.

Leader: We must fully commit to you in prayer,

People: Lord, show me how to use my mind and soul in prayer.

Leader: We know the only bad prayer is the prayer we don’t say. Help us realize that we are not judged on the quality or content of our prayers. But most of all, help us to know that prayer is a two-way street. We often forget to do the most important thing - to be quiet and listen to what you say. Lord, we honor you with our prayers.

*OPENING HYMN #176

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

MINISTRY MOMENT

Roberta Binder

ANTHEM

“In This Very Room”
Harris

A PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wade in the Water”
African-American Spiritual
Vee & Mr. T

“Wade in the Water” is an African American spiritual with dual meanings: it biblically symbolizes liberation, cleansing, and faith (referencing the Red Sea parting and Jordan River crossing), while acting as a coded song of liberation for enslaved people, directing them to enter water to hide their scent from tracker dogs.

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| SCRIPTURE | Luke 3:21-22 Ephesians 2:8-9 2 Timothy 1:7 Deuteronomy 4:29 1 John 3:1 1 Corinthians 10:31 |
| MESSAGE | “Build-A-Prayer” |
| RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS | Ushers will come forward |
| OFFERTORY | “I Need Thee Every Hour” <i>Arr. Ritter</i> |
| *DOXOLOGY | |
| *CLOSING HYMN #99 | “My Tribute” |
| SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION | |
| CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY | |
| POSTLUDE | “Festive Episode” <i>Scarmolin</i> |

*Our worship service has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by The Flower Girls and are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Sunday’s Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers, **Tim Kilmer, JoAnn McGough, Pam Roglaski,** and **True Morse (steward)!** Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Terri Kilmer!**

Be sure to follow our **Facebook page** as well as like and share our posts. This helps with our outreach ministry by building community within our Church Family and connecting with our neighbors.

REMINDER - Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the month. We will be collecting Children’s Change. Don’t forget to bring your spare change for the collection!

Thank you to everyone who provided perennials for the church garden. Please take a tour of our improved church garden! There are many things blooming now. The new perennials are labeled. From—**Carolyn and Sandra.**

REMINDER: The church office will be closed on Mon, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Blessing Box Sunday - This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our Blessing Box Sunday once again! We sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations.

On **June 13th** from 9am to 2pm at Groce UMC, the **Black Mountain School of Theology & Community** will conduct an initial training on the basic skills for beginning a campaign on prayerful listening across our area. Joining with other interested churches, we’ll learn to begin to form stronger relationships with others, identify mutual concerns and hopes, and connect deeper with our community as we begin to build toward the goal of discerning collaborative action needed to promote the well-being of our community. These practices will help make our congregation stronger, while also allowing us to work with others to amplify our contribution to our community. Coffee, drinks, snacks, and a box lunch will be provided. Spots are limited, so please contact Mariah if you plan to attend (828-298-7647 or secretary@groceumc.org).

Jawing with Jill—Join Rev. Jill Rhinehart at the parsonage (70 Fairway Dr.) on **May 19th at 5:30pm** for casual discussion and spiritual renewal! Everyone is welcome.

Summer Music Camp registrations are now open! Held July 13-17, for children ages 5-12 and cost is \$40 per child, with a discounted rate for more than one child in a household. Scholarships are available! Contact the office or go to www.groceumc.org/musiccamp.

Sarah Circle will meet on **Wednesday May 20 at 9:00am** to clean the kitchen. Dress in work clothes.

Newsletter: If you or your group would like to advertise an upcoming event in next month’s newsletter, please email your group/ event name and brief description to Mariah by **May 21**. [**secretary@groceumc.org**](mailto:secretary@groceumc.org)

Tables of 16 meets monthly at Longhorn Steakhouse off of Tunnel Rd for lunch at 11:30am. Upcoming dates are June 10, July 22, Aug 12, Sept 23, Oct 14, Nov 4, and Dec 9. Everyone is invited to come and join this fun group!

CHURCH CALENDAR: MAY 17–23

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9:00: Agape Sunday School Class | 11:00: Prayer Group | 10:30: Crafters | 10:00: Sarah Circle | 10:30: Isaac Group | 3:00: Tailgate Market | |
| 10:30: Worship Service | 1:00: Canasta | 1:30: Tai Chi | 1:00: Win Williamson Memorial | 1:30: Tai Chi | | |
| 5:00: Youth | 3:00: Handbells | 3:00: Miriam Circle | 5:30: Men’s Chorus | 5:00: Welcome Table | | |
| | 6:00: TL3 | 5:30: Jawing with Jill | 6:00: Choir | 6:45: Cub Scouts | | |
| | | 7:00: SMBB | 6:00: AA | | | |
| | | 7:00: HCCA Green Comm. | | | | |