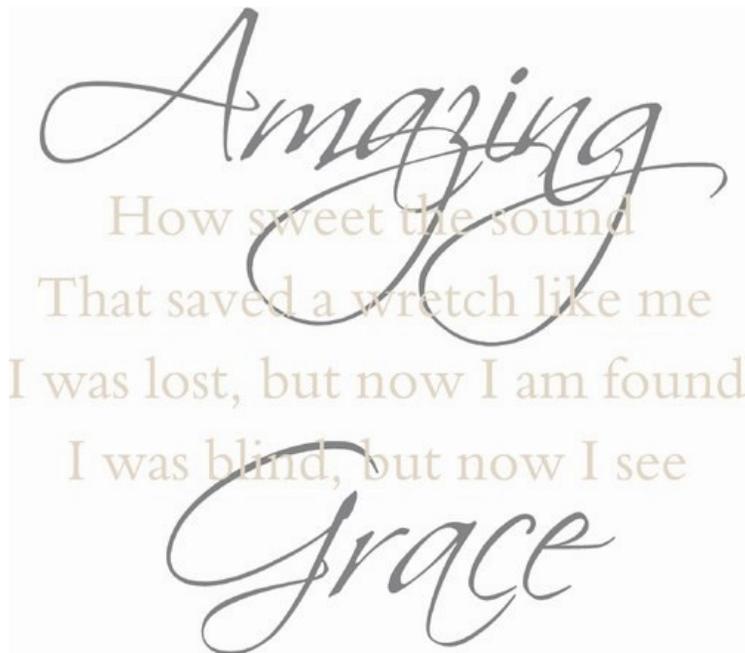


**LAUREL HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 2, 2021 ▪ 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to Sunday Worship

As we gather, we celebrate the unique gifts God has given to all, believing that our many backgrounds and identities are essential to the shared offering we bring to God through worship, study, friendship, and serving.



**LAUREL HEIGHTS
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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

Bold print invites those who are participating in worship to read or sing.

Gather to Worship

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Andante espressivo

E. Thiman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
In this is love:
not that we loved God but that God loved us.

***OPENING HYMN**

Maker, in Whom We Live

Sung from the Chancel – Congregation may hum:
*Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.*

Spoken together:

Cantor: Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Congregation: **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;**

Cantor: O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Congregation: **How precious did that grace appear the hour
I first believed.**

Sung from the Chancel – Congregation may hum:
*Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

adapted from Dag Hammarskjöld

**O Holy One, you have found us before we ever found you, known us
before we have ever known you, loved us before we ever loved you.
With all creatures of the earth and sky, and all the hosts above,
we lift our praises to you, God of grace and glory, through Christ
our risen Lord. Amen.**

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Laura Healy and Rev. Paul Escamilla

PSALTER

Psalm 22: 25-31

Sung from the Chancel
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

Bold print invites the congregation to read along.

**Asterisk means we're invited to stand in body or spirit.*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord,
for dominion belongs to the Lord, and who rules over the nations.
All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.
Posterity shall serve the Lord;
each generation shall tell of the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.
Surely the Lord has done it.

Sung from the Chancel
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

SERMON

The beams of love

Rev. Paul Escamilla

Response to the Word

RESPONSE

I Sought the Lord

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.
I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul; always thou lovedst me.*

WORD OF WITNESS

Rev. Mark Doty

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Hymnal 887

MUSICAL OFFERING

Amazing Love Medley

Arr. Waite

*O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine oceans depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel thy promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we've first begun.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal 895

Sending Forth

*** INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***CLOSING HYMN** *How Can We Name a Love*

Sung from the Chancel – congregation may hum:
*How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.*

Spoken together by all:

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

Sung from the Chancel – congregation may hum:
*So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and live and hope begun.*

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

P. Manz

LITURGIST

Rev. Mark Doty

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Margaret and Bob Parsons
In honor of Jonathan, our great grandson's first birthday.

Prayers and Concerns

Healing: Tony Arredondo, Josh Benninger (*Susan Holloway*),
Betty Benson, Ted Bouteri (*Mark Doty*), Judy Davis,
Cheryl Dean (*Joe McMullen*), Vicki Ferguson,
Marvin Gregory (*Carrie Clemens*), Larry Howard, Marvin Huth,
Jon Lowry, Lucien Manchester, Shelley McMullen,
May O'Neal, Alex Padgett (*Laurel Welch*),
Richard Parrigan, Doug Semmes.

Those Who Mourn: for the family of Janie Groves, on her death.

God's Presence: for our country, parents, teachers and students both face to face and remote, those affected by the COVID-19 virus and their families, as well as for the caregivers and researchers working to treat those affected and combat the spread of the disease; homebound members, the incarcerated, and women and men in our military.

Wednesday Prayer Gathering

May 5 from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Click on this link: <https://www.zoom.us/j/130214408>

Or Call (346) 248-7799, and when prompted,
enter the Meeting ID: 130 214 408



**Communion Sunday
via Zoom
May 2 at 5 p.m.**

Each household will be encouraged to bring elements to this gathering—bread, and juice or wine—and to partake of these during the time of table sharing, each in our own location.

Click on this link to join the service of Holy Communion
<https://zoom.us/j/98525289724>

Giving to Laurel Heights

Online Gifts: Please visit our website,

<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>

Text to Give:

Please text "LHUMC" to 73256.

Checks: Please mail to

LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper
227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.



Laurel Heights UMC

Sunday May 2nd

9a.m. – 2p.m.

**Inside the Bloodmobile
on Woodlawn Parking Lot**

This is by appointment ONLY

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drive schedule/129357](https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/129357)

Click the link above to schedule an appointment or

Call 210-731-5555 to schedule an appt by phone

Mission of the Month

Our Mission of the Month is Church under the Bridge. On Thursday, May 6, Laurel Heights will be collecting food donations to drop off at CUB. Please help us by making **sandwiches (any kind), fruits or cookies** and delivering them to the church by 3:00 p.m. Contact Julie Mazel for more information at 210-319-0356.



While financial contributions are always welcome, these items are always needed - new socks or underwear for men and women (in all sizes). Drop off your donations of **socks or underwear** at the following location:

Church Under the Bridge 724 Chestnut San Antonio TX 78202
Tues., Thurs. and Sun. after 4pm.

**GET YOUR
SHOT**

The Laurel Heights Pharmacy will be offering the Moderna vaccination for covid-19 at the church. This is for everyone in the community. Please let your neighbors know if they are needing the vaccination. For more information or questions, please contact our Wesley Nurse, Yvonne Garcia at 210-272-7921.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Free to All

Laurel Heights UMC

Thursday, May 20

9 am to 3 pm

Volunteers are needed to help folks fill out the paperwork.

227 West Woodlawn Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212

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