

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *“Down to the River to Pray”*

GREETING

\*OPENING SONG *“Don’t Stop Praying”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION SONG *“Hear Us From Heaven”*

\*SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*You are invited to come forward at this time if you wish.  
You can light a candle in memorial or as a means of prayer.*

*You may place your gifts in the offering plates  
at the front or back of the Sanctuary.  
You may also give online at [lenexaumc.org](http://lenexaumc.org),  
download the mobile app ShelbyNext Giving,  
or text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444–5960.*

\*RESPONSE *“Offering”*

\*OFFERING PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER see screen or insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 4:31-37

RESPONSE  
One: May God add a Blessing to the reading, hearing,  
and understanding of scripture.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *“Let Us Pray: The Prayer of Sir Francis Drake”*  
Rev. Carter Ellis

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
*In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share the bread and cup.  
Please come by the center aisle. After receiving the bread, you may choose to  
touch it to the juice in the chalice or receive the juice in a prefilled cup.  
There are gluten-free wafers available in the center.  
You are welcome to pray at the altar rail after receiving the elements.  
If you wish to be served in the pew, please inform an usher.*

COMMUNION SONG *“Remember Him”*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BLESSING SONG

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

# May 18, 2025

## 5th Sunday of Eastertide

Rev. Carter Ellis joins us today as a guest preacher.  
Rev. Ellis is appointed to The Hub Argentine.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Bruce and Lisa Freeman  
in celebration of daughter Claire’s wedding.  
**Worship Leaders:** 9:00 | Kristi Efurd and Tree of Life Band  
10:30 | Linda Stokes  
**Ushers:** 9:00 | Eric & Gail Arner, Tim Cooney  
10:30 | Brian McNichols, Janice Nelson  
**Media Techs:** Mary Clow, Kayla Efurd, Diane Swedberg,  
Kari Turley, Pat Turley

**All are welcome at LUMC!**  
**To our guests—welcome!** Thank you for worshiping with us!  
Please provide your name and information on the Friendship Pad.  
If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join our community.  
Contact Pastor Lori if you are interested in discussing membership.

**Friendship Pad:** Please take a moment to record your presence,  
and then pass the pad to others sitting in your row.

**Hearing aids** that receive sound directly from the PA system and  
**large-print hymnals** are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship services.  
**Nursery Care** is available for infants and toddlers in Room 206.

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School:**  
Kid’s Kingdom (4 years-5th grade) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Building  
Spectrum (adults) - Room 122 | Foundations (adults) - Wesley Room

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School:**  
Preschool Sunday School (3-4 years) and Kids Connect (5 years-5th grade)  
Meet in Sanctuary, Pick up in Education Building  
Dashers (adults) - Asbury Room

Contact the church office for more information about small groups.

**CHURCH STAFF**  
**Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar** | Senior Pastor  
**Paige Foster** | Youth and Congregational Ministries  
**Mary Clow** | Children’s Ministries  
**Megan Taylor** | Preschool/CDO  
**Ann Ober, Judy Rapp** | Nursery  
**Blair Penney, Nan Hulett, Trey Bures, & Liesel Stephens** | Music Staff  
**Linda Stokes** | Business Administrator  
**Lauren Lanigan** | Communications

# 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP see screen or insert

\*OPENING HYMN *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* UMH #399

\*PASSING THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Mary Clow

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see screen or insert

**CANDLELIGHTING AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
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\*RESPONSE *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

\*OFFERING PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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ANTHEM *“From All that Dwell Below the Skies”*  
Chancel Choir

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\*CLOSING HYMN *“Seek Ye First”* UMH #405

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**ABOUT OUR GUEST |** Rev. Carter Ellis, Executive Director of the Hub, is our guest preacher today. Carter has been at The Hub for 4 years and loves getting to know the community on a deeper level. Her favorite part about working at The Hub is practicing Asset Based Community Development in the Argentine neighborhood and using the gifts within the community to guide our work together. Carter is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.



**MISSION OF THE MONTH |** Our May Mission of the Month is The Hub Argentine, a ministry of the Northeast Kansas District of the UMC in Kansas City, KS. Through programs like the Community Market, Clothing Closet, After School Program, and Community Garden, The Hub walks alongside neighbors with compassion, dignity, and the radical hospitality of Christ. Funds that you give to the Hub through LUMC will go to stock their market shelves and make a direct impact on families in need. Just be sure to note “The Hub” on your giving envelope or online memo.



**MEMORIAL SUNDAY |** This year on Memorial Sunday, May 25, 2025, Lenexa UMC will pause to celebrate and honor each one for whom a memorial has been completed in the past year. LUMC will consecrate the memorials at both of our worship services. Please plan to attend and honor our memorial contributions.



**OFFICE CLOSED |** The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in recognition of Memorial Day.



**SUMMER WORSHIP |** Mark your calendars, our summer worship schedule begins June 1! Worship in the Park will be at 8:00 a.m. by the Gazebo at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park. All Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults will meet at 9:00 a.m. At 10:15 a.m. there will be one combined indoor worship service in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate our 40th anniversary of Worship in the Park during 8:00 worship on June 1.



**PARK PLAYERS |** Musicians and singers are needed to join the Park Players for Worship in the Park this summer beginning June 1. We are looking for singers and anyone who plays a musical instrument, especially the guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin or harmonica. Our first practice is Monday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the music room. Please come and have some fun. Please call Laurie Bratton at 816-806-3495 if you are interested or have questions.



**DINNER'S ON US |** Tell your family, friends, and neighbors because dinner's on us! A free drive through community meal of pulled pork or PB&J sandwiches, chips, and dessert is served every Wednesday evening from 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the West parking lot.



**FOOD PANTRY |** The Johnson County Multi-Service Center is currently in need of toilet paper, individual toothbrushes and toothpaste, rice, canned beans (black, pinto, kidney) and granola bars. Please bring donations to the gray bins in the hallway outside of the church office.

THIS WEEK AT LENEXA UMC

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults (see class list inside bulletin)
- 10:00 a.m. Heavenly Half Hour | Schneeberger Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults (see class list inside bulletin)
- 11:30 a.m. Endowment Meeting | Library
- 1:30 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Gathering | Off-Site
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Conversations | Wesley Room

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council Discernment Task Force | Wesley
- 7:00 p.m. Park Players Practice | Music Room
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 186 Troop Meeting | Schneeberger Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group | Wesley Room
- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. Records and History Team Meeting | Room 105
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group | Wesley Room
- 8:00 p.m. AA | Room 113

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 12:00 p.m. Messenger Deadline— submit articles to lauren.lanigan@lenexaumc.org
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner's On Us | Drive Through
- 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics (AA) | Room 113
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
- 7:15 p.m. Tree of Life Praise Band Rehearsal | Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
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- 7:00 p.m. Property Management Team | Room 105
- 7:00 p.m. Friends & Followers Christ Care Group | Library
- 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

SATURDAY, MAY 24

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:00 a.m. Heavenly Half Hour | Schneeberger Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks | Outside Schneeberger
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 1:30 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Conversations | Wesley Room

"E" room numbers designate rooms in the Education Building. Check website or door stand calendar to verify meetings as locations are subject to change.



Lenexa United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth



"When they had prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

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