

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sanctuary Worship Services • 9:00 a.m.

As we gather to worship in reverence, please check all electronic devices prior to the beginning of the service.

Welcome

Prelude "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee" Anne Davis

Bringing of the Light into the Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

†**Opening Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" #159

†**Affirmation of Faith** Affirmation from 1 Timothy #889

†**Scripture** Genesis 32:24-28 OT29

Celebration of Holy Baptism p.44

†**Hymn** "On Eagle's Wings" #143

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "My Tribute/To God Be the Glory" Dawayne Stamper

†**Doxology** #95

Anthem "Grace" Mark Hayes

Message "Grabbing Onto God in Difficult Times" Rev. Melissa Smith

†**Closing Hymn** "O God Beyond All Praising" TFWS#2009

†Benediction

†Carrying of the Light into the World

†**Postlude** "Toccata" Charles Widor

(please remain in place until the Postlude is finished)

†Please stand as you're able.

BY OUR SERVICE:

Lay Liturgist: Amy Sullins

Greeter: Patty Snyder

Ushers: Steve Burce, George Cinci, Chan Patrick, Charles Mayfield, Scottie Mayfield

Acolytes: Willis Mayfield & Max Hulslander

Pew Keepers: Catherine Keith Circle

Offering Counters: Shane Williams & Jeff Walker

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginger and Joe Robinson dedicate these flowers to all of the mothers and honorary mother figures in our church.

Today's anthem was purchased to honor Samuel Hayes Dodson on the occasion of his baptism. The middle hymn, "On Eagle's Wings," is dedicated to the memory of Hayes Matthew Dodson.

There are 3 available seats for the Seniors on the Go trip to Gibbs Garden on Thursday, May 18th (8am-6pm). Please contact Cindy Mishtal if you want a seat.

Join us on a weekend mission trip to Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN on May 19-21. We will be doing some painting and light construction work, so anyone can participate. Connect with Pastor Melissa if you're interested in going. Come serve with Keith!

Grace & Mercy is requesting donations to help fight the rising cost of inflation and meet growing demand for the balanced meals they provide free-of-cost. The donation form can be accessed through the QR code above or from their Facebook page. Physical checks can be mailed to PO Box 1443, Athens, TN 37303.

Ready to knock it out of the park with Keith Church? We're recruiting people for a softball team to play in the Friendly City co-ed adult league. Those interested should contact the church office.

Thank you for making our 2023 Mother's Day fundraiser a success! This year's proceeds will go toward the renovation of our children's wing (Melissa's Way). Copies of the donation bulletin are available outside the Sanctuary or in the church office.

Jesus changes the game! Keith Church's 2023 Vacation Bible School runs July 7-9. Children from 0 up to those who have completed the 5th grade are invited to participate in a weekend full of learning about God, and what a life with Christ can look like. Registration can be found on our Facebook page or in the weekly newsletter.



INFORMATION & RESPONSE CARD

WELCOME!

ARE YOU VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Tell us about your visit by completing this card and placing it in a basket by the door. For additional information about Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, stop by our Welcome Tables located outside the sanctuary and The Gathering. Also, visit us on social media or on our website, keithumc.org.

NAME: _____

Please circle one:

VISITOR

FIRST TIME GUEST

TODAY I ATTENDED: ___ 9 A.M. SERVICE - SANCTUARY

___ 11 A.M. SERVICE - GATHERING

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED BY:

___ PHONE ___ EMAIL ___ MAIL

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

To share prayer concerns with the pastors or Wednesday Prayer Group, please complete this card and place it in the basket.

Please share this information:

_____ In the church bulletin

_____ With pastor only

_____ With the Thursday Prayer Group only

An Update from the Moving Forward Committee

The Moving Forward Committee met on Sunday, April 23. We discussed the fact that 264 Holston churches chose to disaffiliate at a special session of the Annual Conference on Saturday, April 22. While this is a significant number of churches, 79% of conference membership remains. The Moving Forward team heard from individuals who attended this meeting and was able to ask questions about their experience.

At this point, the Moving Forward team has affirmed our decision to wait until the General Conference meeting in Spring 2024 to make any decision related to disaffiliation. We continue to be in touch with District and Conference leadership about disaffiliation and how it would impact our congregation. As we await a decision from General Conference, we continue to listen and stand ready to help in any way possible. We ask three things:

Continue to **PRAY** for God to lead Holston Conference and Keith Memorial UMC through these challenging days. While it is discouraging to hear news regarding the split of the United Methodist Church, please don't react in fear. Hold onto faith that God is leading us in new ways.

TALK with Pastor Melissa or any member of the Moving Forward Committee about questions you may have. We are ready and willing to speak to any individual or small group about the issue of disaffiliation. Please reach out for clarification instead of sharing information that may be false.

ATTEND a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 11 at 6:00pm in the Gathering. This will be after the Holston Annual Conference meets. We will look at the future of Keith Church's ministry and give updates on the Conference and the Moving Forward Committee. No decisions will be made at this meeting, but we will try to answer any questions you may have.

Keith Moving Forward Committee

Melissa Smith, Mark Reedy, Scottie Mayfield, Bo Perkinson, Ginger Robinson, Pat Chester, Rick Lay, Sarah Prince, Ann Davis, Carter Runyan, Carole Cinci, Abbie Burke, Ronnie Vinson, Sarah Thomas, Jeff Walker, Bill Tindell, Terry Stansell, and Jeff Cunningham

Remember in Prayer

THOSE HOSPITALIZED ♦ THOSE GRIEVING ♦ HEALTH CARE WORKERS ♦ FIRST RESPONDERS ♦ THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dave Adams
 Marc Adams
 Cody Arbutnot
 Graham Archer
 Mark Bandy
 Jake Barnett
 Helen Bender
 Harriel Blair
 Savannah Passmore Blair
 Christy & Robby Brisbane
 Nettie Brown
 Wayne Cagle
 Rob Camper
 Tony Cardin
 Brenda Clanton
 Jeff Clark
 Liz Davis

Family of Sharon Davis
 Family of Peggy Dover
 Linda Duggan
 Dwain Ealy
 Jeff Elrod
 Holly Enten
 Cindy Glath
 Norbert Hashe
 Terry Keeble
 Derek Keith
 Ken Kelly
 Susan Kelly
 John Powers
 Georgia Lamb
 Polly Liner
 Family of Gaylord Lyon
 Alesia McNeely

Joe Meade
 Jane Mucklow
 Sam Natter
 Eliana Parris
 Nancy Perdue
 Jace Pratt
 Paul Pratt
 Mildred & Jerry Prince
 Joe Rainey
 David Reese
 Ada Robinson
 Judy Sullins
 Beth Thomas
 R.C. Truelove
 Nate Wood
 Don Yarbrough



Weekly Calendar: May 14 - May 21

Sunday:	9 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship Service
	11 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
Tuesday:	8 a.m.	Yoga, Gym
	7 p.m.	AI-Anon
Wednesday:	6 p.m.	Children, Middle School, and High School Youth
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	In-person Prayer Group, Conference Room
Sunday:	9 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship Service
	11 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service



Keith Memorial United Methodist Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

MOTHER'S DAY AND CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

MAY 14, 2023



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Pastor: Melissa Smith
 Music Directors: Andrew & Abbie Headrick
 Contemporary Worship Leader: Josh Stephens
 Organist: Tristen Rowland
 Youth Director: Mark Reedy
 Children's Director: Reagan Kelly