

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 "Victory in Jesus" Fred Bock

Bringing of the Light into the Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busyness?

Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

Here we encounter Jesus, the living water — tranquil and ever-present.

Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.

†**Opening Hymn** "O How I Love Jesus" #170

†**Affirmation of Faith** A Statement of Faith of the KMC #884

†**Scripture** Luke 5:27-28, 36-39 NT63

†**Hymn** "The Summons" TFWS#2130

Special Recognition by Ginger Robinson

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Prelude in Bb Major" J.S. Bach

†**Doxology** #95

Anthem "For All My Days" D Besig

Message "All Things New" Mark Reedy

†**Closing Hymn** "Because He Lives" #364

†Benediction

†Carrying of the Light into the World

†**Postlude** "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Benedetto Marcello

Please remain in place until the Postlude is finished

†Please stand as you are able.

BY OUR SERVICE:

Lay Liturgist: Laurel Wood

Greeter: Linda Comerford

Ushers: David Pierce, Rob Davis, Johnnie Carter, Terry Ulm, Ben Wilson

Acolytes: Wyatt Rucker & Cannon Sliger

Pew Keepers: Catherine Keith Circle

Offering Counters: Rhonda Turner & Bryan Jackson

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David Harrod by Vicki, Laurie Lea, David, and Andrew.

Please keep the following in your prayers as they travel to Sneedville, TN to serve on their mission trip: Dylan DeWitt, Tyler Kyle, Sarah Prince, Melissa Smith, Bill Tindell, Karen Tindell, Landon Tindell, and Rhonda Turner.

Seniors-on-the-Go is planning a packed summer! On Wednesday, May 31 (from 8am-5ish) there will be a trip to Gibbs Garden. On Wednesday, June 28, the seniors will visit the Karns Senior Center (9am-4pm). A second trip to the senior center will be held on Monday, July 10 (10am-4pm). Contact Cindy Mishtal for more information.

Camp Lookout Fundraiser Info: Summer camp is an amazing time of growth—both spiritually and mentally. This year we hope to send at least 15 campers from Keith Church. To help make camp affordable this year, we are trying to raise \$3,000 to subsidize the cost for each camper. Please consider writing a check to Keith Church with "Camp Lookout" in the memo. \$200 covers the church's support of one child.

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 via 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.



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
 John Cathcart
 Brenda Clanton
 Jeff Clark

Liz Davis
 Family of Sharon Davis
 Dwain Ealy
 Jeff Elrod
 Holly Enten
 Sam Goodin
 Cindy Gath
 Norbert Hashe
 Terry Keeble
 Derek Keith
 Ken Kelly
 Susan Kelly
 John Powers
 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
 Evelyn Saunders
 Judy Sullins
 Beth Thomas
 R.C. Truelove
 Nate Wood
 Don Yarbrough



Weekly Calendar: May 21-May 28

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.	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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023



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