

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

*Prelude*

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

*Welcome and Announcements*  
*Chiming the Trinity*

Rev. Adam Benson

*Call to Worship—Psalm 98 (CEB)*

Sing to the Lord a new song

**because he has done wonderful things!**

His own strong hand and his own holy arm  
have won the victory!

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord has made his salvation widely known;  
he has revealed his righteousness  
in the eyes of all the nations.**

**<sup>3</sup>God has remembered his loyal love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
every corner of the earth has seen our God’s salvation.**

**<sup>4</sup>Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!  
Be happy! Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!**

**<sup>5</sup>Sing your praises to the Lord with the lyre—  
with the lyre and the sound of music.**

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and a horn blast,  
shout triumphantly before the Lord, the king!**

**<sup>7</sup>Let the sea and everything in it roar;  
the world and all its inhabitants too.**

**<sup>8</sup>Let all the rivers clap their hands;  
let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether**

**<sup>9</sup>before the Lord because he is coming to establish justice on the earth!  
He will establish justice in the world rightly;  
he will establish justice among all people fairly.**

† *Opening Hymn* “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **UMH 400**

*Young Disciples Time*

*At this time, the young disciples may come forward. Afterward, they may return to their seat or proceed with volunteers to the nursery.*

*Prayer for Illumination*

**Lord of love, You are the vine and we are the branches. We depend on You for what we need, and in You we find eternal life. Speak to us the words of life, and may your words abide in us, so that we may abide in your love. Amen.**

*New Testament Reading*  
*Gospel Reading*

1 John 5:1-6

Jan Schwarze

John 15:9-17

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

† *Hymn*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**UMH 526**

*Sermon*

“Jesus Keeps it Simple”

Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord of abundant life, You call your disciples to abide in your love by obeying Your commandments and loving one another as You have loved us. We have heard these words before, but we have acted in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful to others and we have fallen short of this kind of love. Turn us back towards the love to which You have called us. Help us to face our weakness and receive Your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, so that we may abide, again, in Your love and be renewed to love one another. Amen.**

*Words of Forgiveness*

There is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for one’s friends. How amazing is this grace that God calls us friends, despite our shortcomings? In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

† *Peace of Christ*

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The hymn of unending praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*†Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

***Prayer following Holy Communion:***

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Invitation to the Offering***

***The Doxology (UMH 94)***

***Dedicating our gifts to God***

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

**† *Closing Hymn***

“The Summons”

**TFWS 2130**

**† *Benediction***

Rev. Adam Benson

**† *Chiming the Trinity***

**† *Postlude***

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

*A rose has been given in honor of the baby of Courtney and Matt Lett, Lainey-Mae Iris Lett.  
Lainey-Mae's big brothers are Kash and Ryder Lett.*

**Announcements:**

We will have a **joint worship service with Avivamiento on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 @ 10:30 AM**

**Study on Philippians, “Chasing Happy,” on Thursdays @ noon.**

A **new Sunday School class** with Herb Schwarze and Marie Porter on “**Moses**” by Adam Hamilton is being offered at **9:30 AM on Sundays in Room 1.**

**Mission Announcement: Parkwood UMC is now in charge of stocking the green bean shelf in the Parktown Food Hub every month!** We encourage you all to bring your cans of green beans each month. Thanks so much to all of you who brought your cans during April!

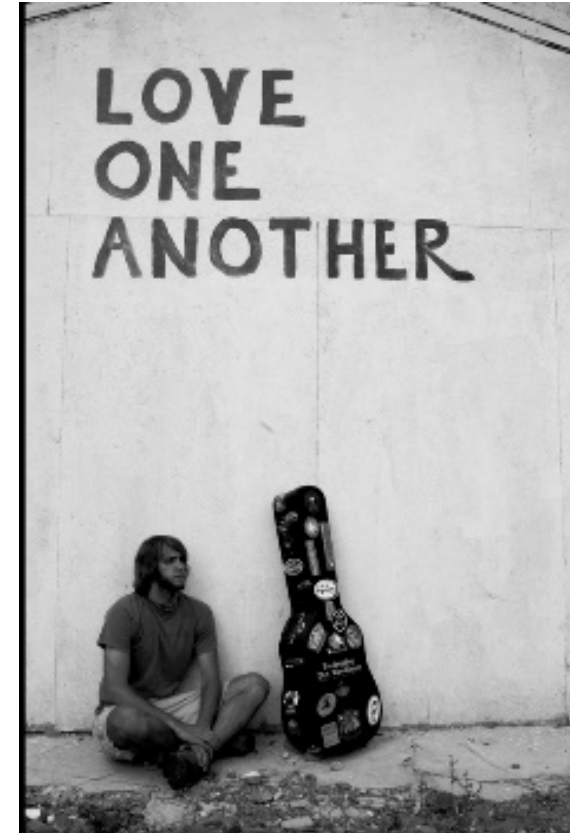
**“Coffee with the Pastor” is this Wednesday at Bean Traders @ 9:30 AM-12**

Total Offering or Gifts given Jan-Mar, 2024: \$33,564.65

Total budgeted for Jan-Mar: \$39,834

Difference between collected offerings and what we spent for Jan-Mar is **-\$6,223.00**

# Parkwood United Methodist Church May 5, 2024



“Love One Another,” by Nathan Harper, 2008

## “Love One Another”

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Easter**