



\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin,  
but we confess that we have not obeyed your word.  
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;  
we have been deceitful in our relationships;  
we have been insincere in our commitments;  
through gossip we have slandered our friends.  
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.  
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk  
that we may grow into the joy of salvation  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Responsive reading of 1 Peter 2:2-10

Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Live living stones, be built yourselves into a spiritual house.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called you out of darkness  
into his marvelous light.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

Once you were not a people but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's chosen people.**

John 14:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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	*Those who are able may stand.	

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for May 25: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for May is **rice**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance devices** and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are Breanna Upton and Trey Neal.

**Parents Helping Parents** will meet on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, 901 North Porter in Norman. Parents Helping Parents is a network of parents and others concerned about alcohol/substance abuse among our young people (both adolescents and adult children). The group offers hope through shared experience, resources, and education. They promote prevention and intervention, collaborative efforts and increased access to information/services, and support. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: [ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://ParentsHelpingParents.info).

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Malawi and Zambia. We give thanks for peaceful, democratic, multi-party politics in these countries; for the growth of the church; and for Christians who stand by the poor and hungry. We pray for the governments in Malawi and Zambia, that they may work for the welfare and development of the nation, irrespective of party affiliation; for those suffering from AIDS, and government efforts to combat the AIDS pandemic; for a sufficient supply of medical personnel, equipment and drugs in hospitals and health centers; for victims of floods and drought; and for those affected by inflation and unemployment, that they may find work and be able to feed their families.

**SUNDAY****May 18**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 12:00 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

**TUESDAY****May 20**

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****May 21**

- 3:15 P.M. – Last Kids' Club of Spring Semester
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

**THURSDAY****May 22**

- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY****May 25**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service