

Theme for 2022: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



What is your baggage?
Is it time to drop the load?



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Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday

May 8, 2022– 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME ALL!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation, please stand if able*

MUSIC TO GATHER TO

Randy Ashley

Point to Ponder: Life is a balance of Holding On and Letting Go.
Jesus love us enough to help us discern which is which.

OPENING HYMN

No. 176

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Loving God, we praise you that you sent Jesus not to condemn, but to save us. As we worship today, touch our hearts and our imaginations, that we may abide in you and live in care toward the world you love in Jesus Christ. Glory be to you, God, Fountain of Love, Word of Truth, Spirit of Power. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Lord, help us unload the old baggage that we have been carrying around. Forgive us when we keep giving you the things that are a burden only to find we have picked them back up again. Release us of the bondage of the hurtful and hurting ways of our life.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Holy God, source of all good things, we ask that the gifts we offer to you this day would be dedicated to bringing your kingdom of love, justice, and compassion into being in our midst. We acknowledge that when this service is over, it will be tempting to put our blinders back on, keep our focus on what's right in front of us, and not see that which is all around us. Help us to see both the beauty of your caring and the ugliness of our indifference. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Hank Tharpe

***DOXOLOGY**

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Proverbs 3:13

**Blessed are those who find wisdom
and who gain understanding.**

Proverbs 3:13

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randy Ashley & Annie Strain

***THE GOSPEL**

Yvette Cortez

Luke 11:46-47

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!*

MESSAGE

Bill Elliott

**“Are you Carrying
Your Luggage or Your Baggage?”**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

No. 338

Where He Leads Me

BENEDICTION

Leader: Leader: Friends, what do you see?

People: We see that God has set a path before us.

Leader: What else do you see?

People: We see that God is among us.

Leader: And what else do you see?

People: We see that God calls us sends us to be beacon of hope and someone who will speak truth to injustice.

Leader: Carry only what you need to witness the truth God gives you. . . In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Hank Tharpe