

SUNDAY May 17, 2026

9:30 AM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION SUNDAY WORSHIP

Those who are able are invited to stand. *Indicate times for ushers to seat worshipers.*

As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.

Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

The Chimes Call Us to Worship

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Arr. Don Hustad
~~ During the prelude take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~~

Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements Beth Moore, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship
LEADER: In awe and wonder, we lift our eyes to the heavens.
PEOPLE: We raise our songs of joy to the Ruler of all time and space.
LEADER: We gather to remember Jesus Christ, who shared our common lot.
PEOPLE: We rejoice in the hope to which Christ has called us.
LEADER: We come seeking the presence of the Holy Spirit with us.
PEOPLE: We are here to be empowered as witnesses to Christ in our world.

*Gathering Hymn #68 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer:** As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that God will hear, and the Holy Spirit will bless. Let us pray: **Gracious God, we gather to acknowledge the presence of your Holy Spirit, which fills all the universe. You are with us here, empowering us to be apostles of your Word. Focus our**

understanding on the person of Jesus so that all he taught may come alive for us. Guide us into the future that you envision for your people, and help us to welcome your winds of change in our lives. Gather us together in the way of Christ as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sanctuary Choir "Be Still and Know That I Am God" Michael Larkin

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes including the Children's Mission and America for Christ Offerings.

Offertory "I've Got Peace Like a River" Arr. Phillip Keveren
*Doxology #34 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

*Offering Prayer

Children's Moments (Children leave for Sunday School after Children's Moments.)

Prayer Hymn #134 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Scripture Lesson John 17: 1, 2, 6-11
Acts 1:6-11

Sermon "The Roadmap"

*Closing Hymn #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Postlude "Honor and Glory" Christian Rinck

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

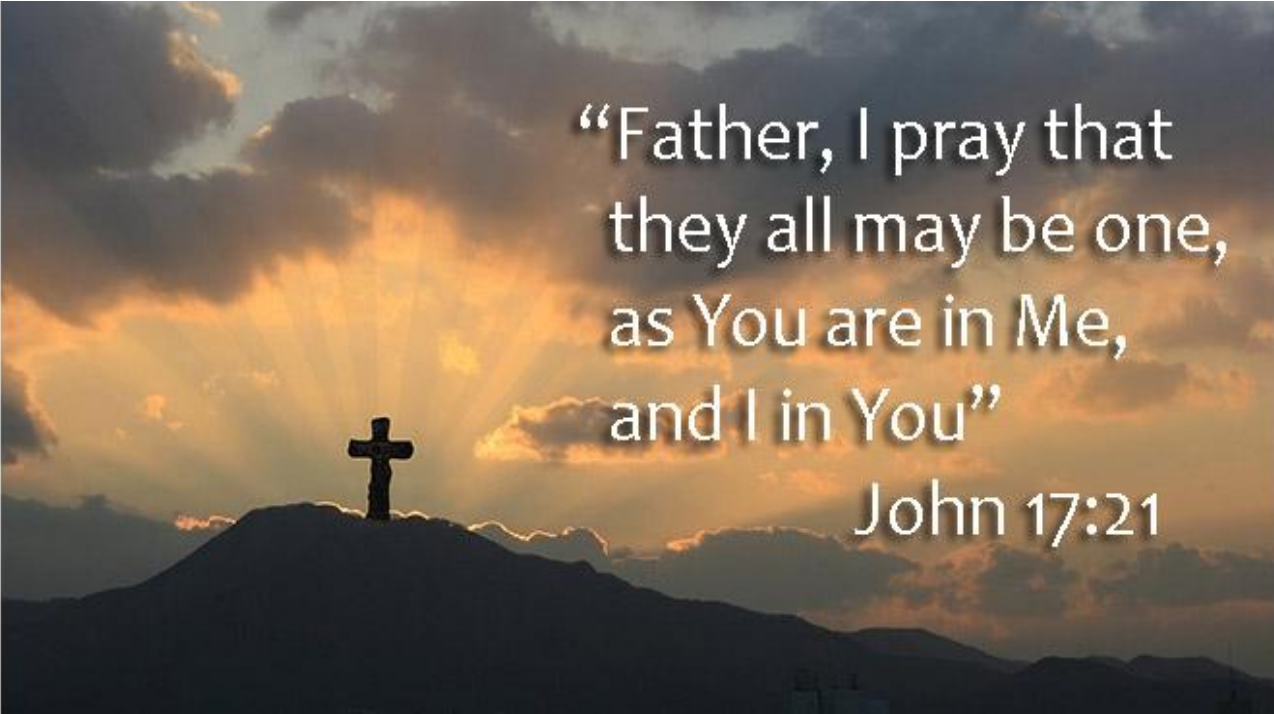
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The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Brock Bouchard Jr.'s graduation from URI by Pam Pearson (Nana) and Jenna Antunes (cousin).

“...and you shall be called ministers...”

Ministers: All members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley
Worship Leaders: Beth Moore
Organist: Margery Jones
Choir Director: Margery Jones
Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond
Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb
Secretary: Beth Lamarre



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