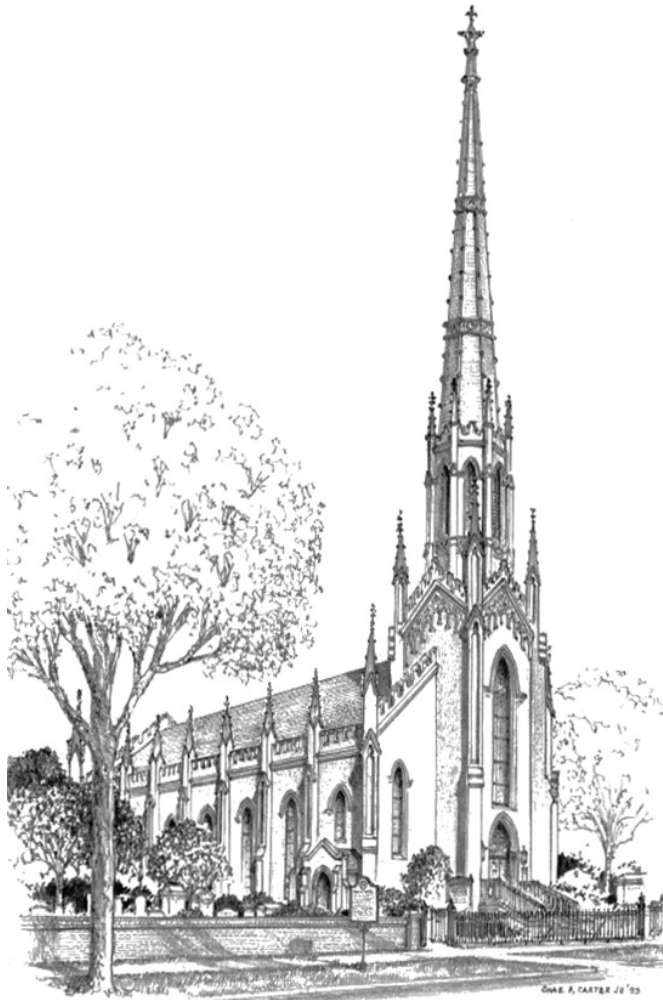


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Lord's Day, May 24, 2026

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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN** *O God Beyond All Praising*

Please find the music on page 6 of your bulletin.

THAXTED

Final stanza arr. Richard Proulx

+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ **GLORIA PATRI**

LADY STREET

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And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

(Colossians 1:21–22, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 402** *Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide*

EVENTIDE

Please find the music on page 7 of your bulletin.

Final stanza arr. Stephen Cleobury

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

Final stanza arr. T. Tertius Noble

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

+ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11–16

(Please find the Scripture on page 9 of your bulletin.)

SERMON “Tear That Wall Down”

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 510** *Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose*

STELLA

Please find the music on page 8 of your bulletin.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Major*

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O God Beyond All Praising



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The_ flow'r of earth - ly splen - dour in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and_ sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its_ fra - gile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that_ we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for_ we can on - ly won - der at_ ev - ery gift you send,
but_ hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown,
and_ wheth - er our to - mor - rows be_ filled with good or ill,



at_ bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we_ lift our hearts be - fore_ you and wait u - pon your word,
for_ Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us free,
to_ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we_ hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and_ we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and_ make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

This is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 3:24

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark - ness
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -
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com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7

1. Thou hid - den source of calm re - pose, thou all - suf -
 2. Thy might - y name sal - va - tion is, and keeps my
 3. Je - sus, my all in all thou art; my rest in
 4. In want my plen - ti - ful sup - ply, in weak - ness

fi - cient love di - vine, my help and ref - uge from my foes,
 hap - py soul a - bove; com - fort it brings, and pow'r and peace
 toil, my ease in pain, the med - i - cine of my bro - ken heart,
 my al - might - y pow'r, in bonds my per - fect lib - er - ty,

se - cure I am, if thou art mine: and lo! from sin and
 and joy and ev - er - last - ing love: to me, with thy dear
 in war my peace, in loss my gain, my smile be - neath the
 my light in Sa - tan's dark - est hour, my help and stay when -

grief and shame I hide me, Je - sus, in thy name.
 name, are giv'n par - don and ho - li - ness and heav'n.
 ty - rant's frown, in shame my glo - ry and my crown:
 e'er I call, my life in death, my heav'n, my all.

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SERMON NOTES

“Tear That Wall Down”

Ephesians 2:11–16 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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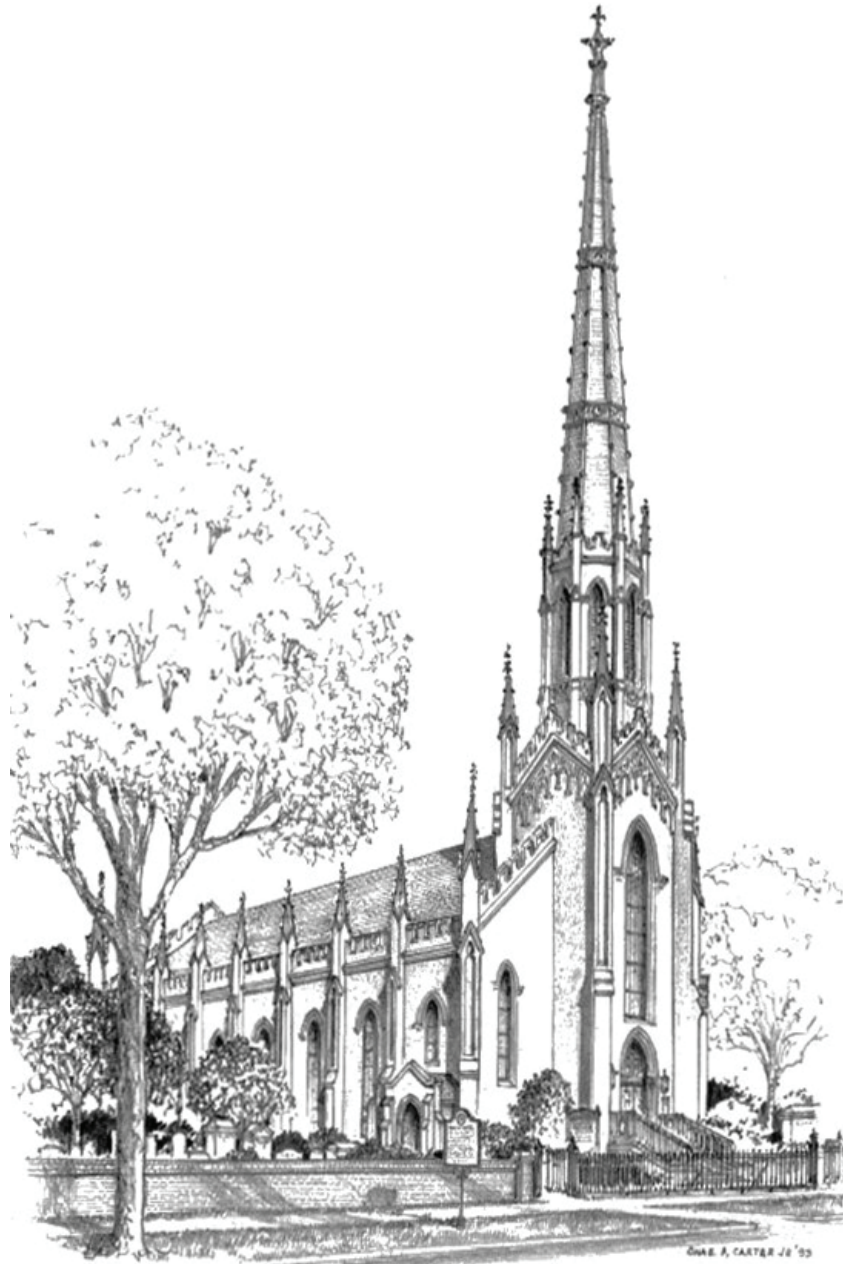
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We worship you today
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That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
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At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor
In time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you,
The Lord Most High;
But hidden from all nature
The eternal seed is sown,
Though small in mortal stature,
To heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven
From death has set us free,
And we through him
Are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
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And rise to bless you still:
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Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

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STELLA

Thou hidden source of calm repose,
Thou all-sufficient love divine,
My help and refuge from my foes,
Secure I am, if thou art mine:
And lo! from sin and grief and shame
I hide me, Jesus, in thy Name.

Thy mighty name salvation is,
And keeps my happy soul above;
Comfort it brings, and pow’r and peace,
And joy and everlasting love:
To me, with thy dear name, are giv’n
Pardon and holiness and heav’n.

Jesus, my all in all thou art;
My rest in toil, my ease in pain,
The medicine of my broken heart,
In war my peace, in loss my gain,
My smile beneath the tyrant's frown,
In shame my glory and my crown:

In want my plentiful supply,
In weakness my almighty pow'r,
In bonds my perfect liberty,
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