



*Spirit, Fire and Water,*  
Anaili, Dayanis, Yenima and Luis Antonio

We welcome all guests worshipping with us today. Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Beginning with Easter Sunday, the season of Eastertide celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and is the most joyous of the liturgical year. Also known as the Great Fifty Days, this period commemorates Jesus' forty days on earth, His Ascension into Heaven, and concludes with Pentecost and the beginning of Ordinary Time. The color white symbolizes the light and promise of eternal life through our Lord and Savior.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered during this hour in the children's building. Large print hymns and T-coil access are available at the back of the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have. As part of this morning's service, we will celebrate Holy Communion. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, our communion bread is gluten-free.



The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“My Times Are In Your Hand”

Mack Dennis

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
God in three per - sons, Bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in  
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s  
offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,  
the Lord's name is to be praised.  
The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens!

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise  
God, all creatures here below; praise  
God, above ye heavenly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Susan Blackmon

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 425 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Pilgrims Hymn* Stephen Paulus

\*POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

\*Those who are able please stand.

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Worship leaders include guest organist Sam Carabetta, Lay Reader Betty Boyte-Ellis, Deacon of the Week Susan Blackmon, and the Adult Choir.

This morning's art is *Spirit, Fire and Water*, a T-shirt logo designed by Anaili, Dayanis, Yenima and Luis Antonio, members of our partner church Iglesia Elohim in Las Tunas, Cuba.

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Dr. Casey Callahan	Coordinating Pastor
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Rev. Doug Haney	Interim Minister of Music and Worship
Dr. Kendra Plating	Interim Pastor of Congregational Care
Rev. Amy Stertz	Pastor of Christian Formation and Children



## THIS WEEK

**Bible Study**  
Today at 9:45 a.m.

**Senior Adult  
Lunch**  
Today at Noon

**Asheville Youth  
Choirs**  
Today  
4:00 p.m.  
Youth Chorale  
4:30 p.m.  
Concert Choir

**Wednesday  
Activities**  
(See schedule below)

**Free Market &  
Lunch at the  
Crossroads**  
Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

# WELCOME

May 3, 2026

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the "Connect with Us" card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Rev. Kendra, Interim Pastor of Congregational Care, has been reviewing our care practices in recent months. While much is working well, the prayer list needs updating. Names will now remain for one month, with re-listing as needed. Contact Kendra (kplating@fbca.net) to add names; access the list in our e-news.

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mary Caldwell

## PASTOR ON CALL

Casey Callahan

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

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Meal: 5:00 p.m.  
Junior Choir: 5:40 p.m.  
Adult Chapel Study: 6:00 p.m.  
AgapeKids: 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Koinonia: 6:00 p.m.  
Cherub Choir: 6:10 p.m.  
Adult Choir: 7:00 p.m.

### Menu

BBQ Pork & Chicken,  
Mac & Cheese, Baked  
Beans, Green Beans,  
Coleslaw, Hush  
Puppies, & Banana  
Pudding. Kids -  
Nuggets & Fries  
(*\$5/adult, \$3/child,  
\$20/family max*)



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*Cuba Mission Trip - March 2026*

### **Wednesday in the Chapel: Cuba Mission Stories**

Wednesday, May 6 \* 6:00 p.m. \* Chapel

Join us Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel as members of our Cuba Mission Trip team share highlights from their March visit. Cliff Christian and Jim and Martha Worley will reflect on their time in Las Tunas, where they connected with our sister church during a season of real challenges in the country. Even in difficult circumstances, they experienced the power of showing up, being present, and building relationships rooted in faith and mutual encouragement. Come hear stories of resilience, friendship, and the hope that was shared along the way.

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### **Ron's Rainbow Fellowship and Allies Covered Dish**

Sunday, May 17 \* Noon \* Dining Room

Ron's Rainbow Fellowship would like to invite all LGBTQ+ allies to a covered dish lunch after worship on May 17 in the dining room. So many allies have reached out to us that we want to welcome you into conversation, explain a bit about what we are doing, and share a meal together. The group will provide the main protein dishes. If you're able, please sign up to bring a side or dessert. For questions about Ron's Rainbow Fellowship, contact Paula Garrett at [pgarrett@fbca.net](mailto:pgarrett@fbca.net). For questions about the meal, contact Mindy and Nancy Flippin-Allen at [mk12nf26@gmail.com](mailto:mk12nf26@gmail.com).

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