

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- First-time guest
- Second-time guest
- Regular attender
- College student

I heard about Fifth... check all that apply:

- From a friend/family
- Online/Social Media
- Walk-In

Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Apt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell  Home

This is updated contact information.

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## Order of Worship

- Prelude Phyllis Moes
- Affirmation of Faith: *This I Believe* (Hillsong)
- \*Call to Worship from Psalm 93 Janna Lange
- \*A Hymn of Glory *Let Us Sing* Hymnal #259
- \*He is Exalted (Twila Paris)
- Time of Confession
- "A Sinner's Lament" (Randy Wolthuis) Worship Team
- Assurance & Sharing Christ's Peace Jon Sherrill
- Recognition of Fifth Kids' Volunteers Lindsey Lugo  
(Kids, Kdg-5th grade are invited to continue worship upstairs and in Rm 103)
- Prayers of the People Jon Sherrill
- Offering
- Song of Preparation:  
*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* (Getty, et al)
- Message: "Training" Jon Sherrill
- Fifth in Series: The Way of Jesus
- Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 Megan Nollet
- Response Time
- \*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (CityAlight)
- Benediction & Postlude

**\*You are invited to stand, if you are able**

Website: [www.fifthchurch.org](http://www.fifthchurch.org)  
 Guest Wi-Fi Password: welcome2fifth



May 17, 2026  
 Ascension Sunday

Growing disciples who make disciples

## WELCOME

Every journey begins with the first step, and we are thankful you have chosen the step of coming to Fifth Church. We are a community of faith, centered on the resurrection of Jesus and the new life God offers us in Christ.

We are a multi-generational community, and we celebrate that fact. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. If you believe in God some of the time, none of the time or all of the time, you are welcome here. If your skin is brown, black, white or any other color, you are welcome here. If you are married or single, rich or poor, happy or sad... you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us in becoming followers of Jesus – learning to live and lead like Jesus. And when you feel ready, take the next step of getting connected.

~ Pastor Jon Sherrill

## Getting Connected

When you complete a Connection Card either the physical version attached here, or the digital version through our church app, someone from the church will contact you to welcome you and begin a conversation about any questions you might have.

## Download our Church App

Text FIFTHRC APP to 833-573-9005 and you will receive a text response. Click the link in that response to access the app. Or search "Fifth Church" in the Play Store (Android) or App Store (iOS).

## TODAY

We celebrate Ascension Day as the crowning event of the ministry of our Lord. On the fortieth day after Easter, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with his disciples and ascended to heaven before their eyes (Acts 1:1-12). Theologically, Christ's ascension means there is One in heaven who, knowing first-hand the experience of suffering and temptation, prays for us and perfects our prayers. It is a witness to, and guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, as well as an invitation to set our hearts and minds "on things above," where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col 3:1-2).

We continue our series titled, "The Way of Jesus." In this series, we are observing the ways of Jesus so that we might follow him more faithfully by imitating him in what he did. So far, we've touched on living from our identity, serving in our authority, pursuing people of peace, and joining together with others to live as a missional community. Today, we'll look at the way Jesus called and trained the twelve disciples who would become Apostles.

### Early Childhood | Infant—3

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 101 by 10AM.

### Preschool | 3—Pre-K

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 102 by 10AM.

### Fifth Kids | Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Children, K-5th grade, begin worship in the Sanctuary this morning. From there, they are invited to Fifth Kids. K-3rd graders meet in Rm. 201; 4-5th, Rm 103

### A Special THANK YOU to all of our Fifth Kids

Volunteers for faithfully serving our many kids this year!

## NEWS & UPDATES

**Elizabeth/Ruth Circle** | May 19 | 9:30AM

**Men's Bible Study** | May 20 | 9:00AM

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study will begin meeting on Tuesday mornings. All men welcome!

**Men's Grill Out** | May 27 | 6:30PM

Men of Fifth are invited to a grill out at Tom Hendricks home. Food provided. Bring a lawn chair and a friend. See the Connection Card to sign up. Contact Pastor Sam with questions, seldersveld@fifthrc.org.

### Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

**June 1 | 6-7:30PM** - One of the ways we engage the Eastgate neighborhood and friends is through an Ice Cream Social gathering. Put it on your calendar!

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, June 7. We will review the highlights of the last "program year," consider a new slate of elders and deacons, review the proposed budget, and discuss a couple of new initiatives for the coming year. All are invited but members are encouraged to attend.

**Fifth Kids Worship Opportunity** June 7. Use the Connection Card or see Miss Janna for rehearsal dates.

### Rainforest Falls VBS | July 20-23

Participant registration is now on a wait list. Volunteer crew leaders and crew assistants are still needed. See Holli Leegwater, vbs@fifthrc.org.



## SAVE THE DATE

Men's Grill Out | May 27

Neighborhood Ice Cream Social | June 1 | 6:00-7:30PM

Hot Dog Wednesday | June 10 | 5:00-6:30PM

VBS New Staff Training | June 24 | 6:30PM

VBS All-Staff Kick-Off Training | July 11 | 10AM

Rainforest Falls VBS | July 20-23 | 9AM-Noon

## CONNECTION CARD

Please give your name on the reverse side and place in the offering basket.

- I would be willing to **greet and serve coffee** some time this summer.
- I would like to attend the **Men's Grill Out** on May 27.
- My child/ren is interested in **singing in worship** on June 7.
- I would be able to help grill/serve hotdogs for the **June 10 Hot Dog Wednesday**.
- I'm interested in more information about **Worship & Music Ministry**.
- I would like to receive **Fifth's eNews** at this email address:

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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- Share with Prayer Team Only
- Share with Whole Congregation

\*To request prayers directly, please email prayer@fifthrc.org

### Ministry Staff:

Sam Eldersveld, Community Life Pastor  
Paul Kortenhoven, Senior Adult Ministries  
Janna Lange, Worship Arts Director  
Nathan Longfield, Woodland Drive-In Pastor  
Lindsey Lugo, Children's Ministries Director  
Jon Sherrill, Lead Pastor  
Brian Telzerow, Connections Pastor  
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