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May 25, 2025  
*Season of Eastertide*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

*The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.*

## WORSHIP THE KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Saraband" ..... Herbert Howells


*Leo Davis, organ*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 66:1-2..... David Bowen

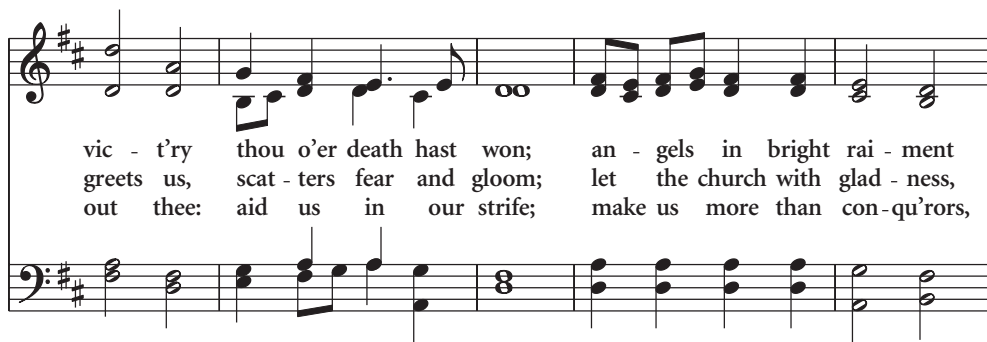
✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 235 "Thine Be the Glory"..... MACCABAEUS

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry; tr. Richard Birch Hoyle*

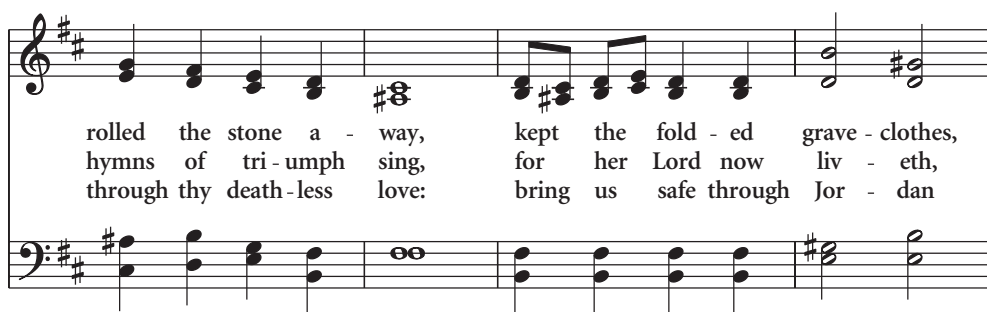
*Music: George Frederick Handel; harm. Harmonia Sacra / I Corinthians 15:57*



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he  
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,  
out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,  
through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

◆INVOCATION

◆EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 .....Shelley Hill (8:15)  
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... MACCABAEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.**

## RECEIVE THE GRACE OF THE KING

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted King,  
we bow before You in humble confession,  
for You have graciously rescued and redeemed us,  
but we have often forgotten Your love,  
neglected Your commandments, and forsaken Your ways.  
Please forgive our hardness of heart,  
our stubbornness of mind, our foolishness, and our pride.  
Restore within us an obedient spirit  
that we may render joyful worship at Your feet  
and advance the Gospel for the everlasting glory of Your Name.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Ephesians 2:8-10

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Witness" . . . . . arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

*Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual; arr. Stacey V. Gibbs*

*Who'll be a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord.*

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.  
The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old.  
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, man you must be born again.

He said marvel not, if you want to be wise, repent believe and be baptized,  
Then you'll be a witness for my Lord, my soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth.  
Way back yonder in ancient times, he killed ten thousand of the Philistines.

Then old Samson went a wondering about; Samson's strength was never found out.  
Until his wife sat upon his knees; she ask, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please."

Well Samson's wife, she talked so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair.  
Shave my head just as clean as your hand and my strength will come like a natural man."

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. My soul is a witness for my Lord.  
Who's gonna be a witness? My soul is a witness for my Lord.

*Valetta Brinson, soloist  
The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. . . . . Philip James  
Pastoral Resident

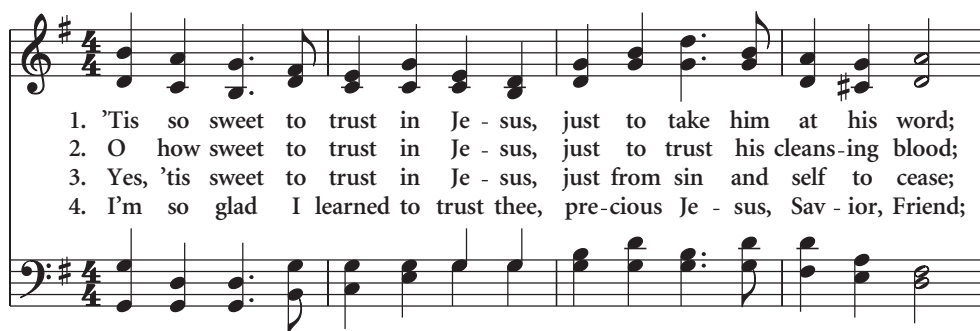
## HEAR THE WORD OF THE KING

### ✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

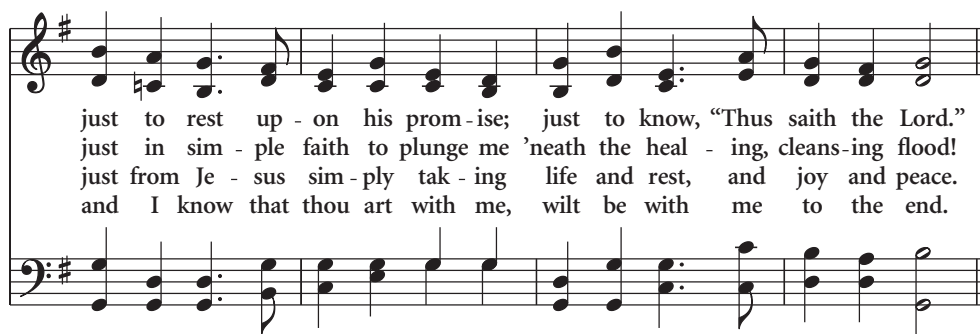
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and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

### ✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 557 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" . . . . . TRUST IN JESUS

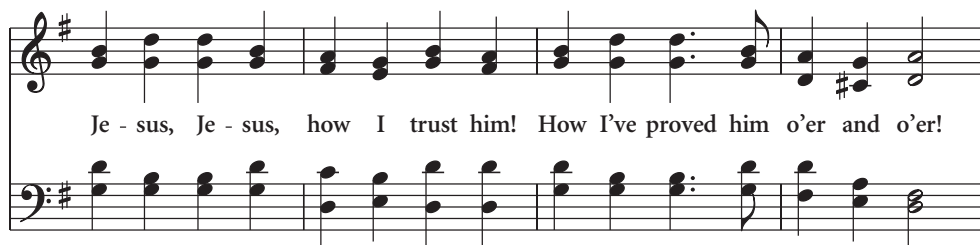
*Words: Louisa M. R. Stead / Music: William J. Kirkpatrick; arr. James Ryan / Galatians 2:20*



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;  
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;  
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;  
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!  
just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Philippians 1:3-11  
(page 980 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: A Beloved Bond . . . . . George Robertson

## I. Partnering in the Gospel (3-6)

### A. Praying (3-5)

### B. Hoping (6)

## II. Partaking in Grace (7-8)

### A. Solidarity in Sacrifice (7)

### B. Intentionality in Relationship (8)

### III. Praying for Love (9-11)

### A. Orthodoxy (9)

### B. Orthopraxy (10-11)

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

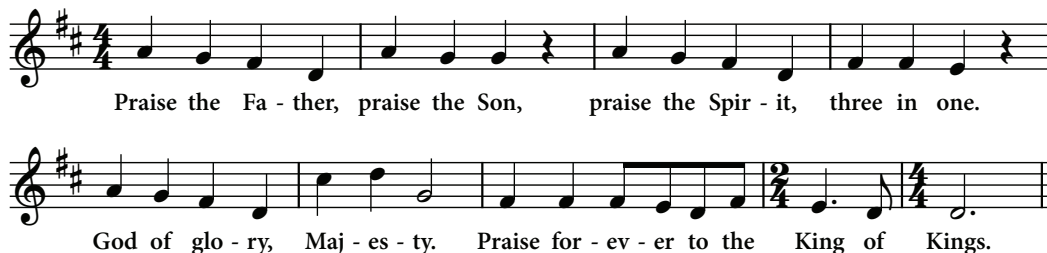
## Sermon Notes

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "King of Kings" ..... Hillsong Worship

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith, Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood; arr. Dan Galbraith / Revelation 19:16

**In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,  
'Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.**

*Chorus:*



The musical notation for the chorus is written on two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. It contains the melody for the first line of the chorus. The second staff continues the melody, with a key signature change to D major (two sharps) and a time signature change to 2/4, then back to 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one.  
God of glo - ry, Maj - es - ty. Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

**To reveal the Kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.**

*Chorus (see score above)*

**And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.  
And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.**

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♠ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" .....arr. Diane Bish

♠Indicates congregation standing

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP..... Brett Wynne

♣NO. 551: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING..... THAXTED

*Words: Michael Perry / Music: Gustav Holst / Psalm 138:1*

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor 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-'ry 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 bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal sta-ture, 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 up - on 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.

# ✦INVOCATION

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## GOD OF EVERY GRACE..... Getty Music

Words and Music: Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell; arr. Grant Wall / I Peter 5:10-11

✦Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction


*Verse*



1. Oh, let not this world of sor - rows steal my on - ly hope a - way,  
2. Wea - ry with the weight I car - ry, give me wings of faith to rise;  
3. There's a dawn - ing hope be - fore us that I know is soon to break,


for the pow - er of Your gos - pel shines with - in this jar of clay.  
for You know each grief that lin - gers through the watch - es of the night.  
as I wait up - on Your mer - cy that will swal - low ev - 'ry ache.

In af - flic - tion, You bring wis - dom that my com - forts can dis - place;  
Sure - ly You have borne our suf - f'rings, at the cross took up our pain;  
Cries of joy and songs of vic - t'ry when we en - ter Hea - ven's gates,



how my true and great - est treas - ure is in You, the God of grace.  
and You lead us un - to glo - ry as we trust You, God of grace.  
all Your chil - dren home to - geth - er, all with You, the God of grace.

*Chorus*



Now to the God of ev - 'ry grace who counts my tears, who holds my days.



I sing through sor - row, sing with faith; oh praise the God of ev - 'ry grace.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Ruth 3  
(page 223 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: The Redeemer We Need. . . . . Philip James

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP


LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME .....Skye Peterson

Words and Music: Skye Peterson, Ben Shive / John 6:37


*Verse*




1. Oh God of grace, how of - ten have I grieved Thee,  
2. For how my heart is hard and un - be - liev - ing,  
3. Oh Fa - ther, when I sin a - gainst my neigh - bor,  
4. Oh Lord of light, You call us out of dark - ness



how sel - dom have I sung Thy praise;  
for all I've done and left un - done;  
I turn a - way Your ve - ry Son,  
to turn a - side from sin and live.



and lit - tle do I know how much I need Thee,  
Your love is not re - luc - tant to re - ceive me.  
Who died to call us friends when we were stran - gers,  
And prod - i - gals, we come to You for par - don;



and time a - gain I turn a - way.  
My soul draws back but Love says "Come."  
and says to ev - 'ry sin - ner, "Come."  
Oh, Ab - ba Fa - ther take us in.


*Chorus*



He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out.



Who - ev - er en - ters in will for - ev - er dwell with Him.



Draw near, faint heart, draw near; Oh, Love still bids you wel - come here.

✠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: SHOUT TO THE LORD..... Darlene Zschech

*Words and Music: Darlene Zschech*

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength—  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the sea will roar  
At the sound of Your Name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand—  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

✠BENEDICTION

✠ GOSPEL AMEN

⊕Indicates congregation standing

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## Sermon Notes

## Caring Ministry Update

### **Congratulations to:**

James and Lee Long on the birth of a son, *Arthur Miles Long*, May 2, 2025. Paternal grandparents are Chris and Rebecca Long.

*Mr. and Mrs. Matt Shorter* who were married yesterday. Mrs. Shorter is the former Lindsey Hearon.

### **In the Hospital (as of 5/21/25):**

Ralph Gray, *Memphis Jewish Home*  
Irene Lopez, *Memphis Jewish Home*  
Judy Bechtel, *Allen Morgan*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Allison Neubert:** Allison Neubert is in her eleventh year of ministry with Campus Outreach and recently celebrated her fourth anniversary serving as Operations Director on the leadership team of CO South Africa. Allison just finished her sabbatical, during which she enjoyed a time of refreshment and reflection, time with her family, and getting to see stories of God's faithfulness outside of her usual sphere of influence. Over the last year, her team built new relationships with more than 500 students. They intentionally engaged 175 students with the Gospel through Bible studies, one-on-one conversations, and ministry events. Over 85 students were equipped at their training projects, and they witnessed 16 students profess faith in Christ for the first time! Please pray that God would multiply CO's ministry in South Africa and for His blessings on Allison and James as they plan their wedding in August.

**Mission Memphis–Young Life Memphis:** Young Life is a ministry organization for middle school and high school students. Young Life's priorities include learning kids' names, hearing their stories, and sharing with them the great news of a God who loves them. Please pray for successful camp fundraisers and financial provision to meet the operations budget. Pray also for safety during the summer, and for the staff, volunteers, and all the students impacted by the ministry. Finally, continue to pray that the Lord would use this ministry to bring more students to know and believe His love for them.

**2PC Ministry–Student Ministry:** The goal of our youth ministry is to lead students in a growing relationship with Christ, the Church, and His work in the world. Through Scripture-based teaching, small group discipleship, community fellowship, mission trips and service projects, students from 6th-12th grades are encouraged to daily follow Jesus. Praise God for providing Ian Lazenby and Phoebe Carter (2-Year Residents) and Landon Wall (Jr. High Boys Coordinator) and for the faithful service of Emma Forrest and Lydia Steimer, who are moving this summer. Please pray for many students to be saved at the EDGE Conference in June. Pray for Mary Hannah as she speaks at the high school beach trip this week and for students' hearts to be moved towards service through our trips to Memphis, Mexico, and England.

## May Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Dorothy Street Sherman* by her sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh Street Sherman; *Dr. Gerald Freeman Billions* by his loving family; *Libbee Clifford* by her family; *Sara Misner* by her daughter; *Robert Tipton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin* by Deborah and Mary Tipton; *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their children and grandchildren; *Virginia Buchman Smith* by the Nearn family and the Smith family; and *W. P. "Buddy" Morrison* by his family.

## Family Sunday School Today

This morning at 9:45 a.m., children (nursery to 5th grade) will join their parents in adult Sunday School classes to give our wonderful volunteers a well-deserved break. All ages and stages are encouraged to come and enjoy this special time of learning and fellowship.

## Summer at Second

It's almost time to splash into Summer, and the slower schedule for all ages leaves room on the calendar for fun ways to spend time in fellowship and grow in community.

Activities on campus for children abound. In addition, our youth will meet for Bible study and games. For adults, Crossroads young adults will meet for weekly Bible studies, Women in Ministry has a few options for fellowship and studying the Word, and our Senior Adult Ministry invites all ages to the Jubilation Jazz concert and lunch on July 10.

Visit [2pc.org/summer](https://2pc.org/summer) for more details.

## General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
April	\$ 846,264	\$ 538,508	\$ (307,756)	\$ 461,038	\$ 77,470
YTD 7/1/24-4/30/25	\$ 9,257,908	\$ 7,954,517	\$ (1,303,391)	\$ 8,263,435	\$ (308,918)

*\$2.99 million of giving is needed in May and June  
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