

Notes & Upcoming Events

Wed. May 13 1:00 Men's Group at Patrick Heath Library

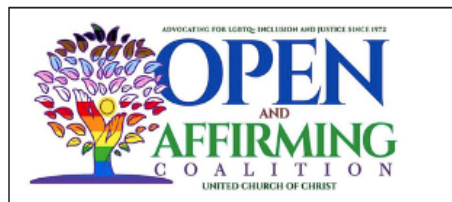
Sat. June 13 2026 Boerne Pride Walk – Save the Date!

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Mission: Inspired and empowered by the Spirit, we are an open and affirming, theologically progressive, Jesus justice seeking community of faith, who boldly embody the grace, unconditional love, and mission of Jesus in the world.

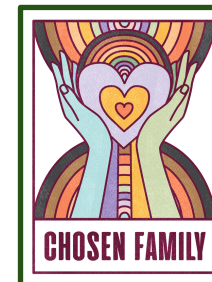
We envision a place where all BELONG,
where all can BECOME fully who God created us to be,
for all God's BELOVEDS,
especially those who have had no place.

Touchstone Community Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Rev. Jacob Naron, Pastor



Gathering

Gathering Song

“In the House”

Choir

Welcome/Announcements/Blessing

Rev. Jacob Naron

Call to Worship

Rev. Jacob Naron/**All**
Based on Psalm 139

One: We've come to find rest in God's care.

All: Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

One: If we go up to the heavens, God is there; if we make our bed in the depths, God is there.

All: If we rise on the wings of the dawn, if we settle on the far side of the sea,

One: Even there God's hand will guide us; God's right hand will hold us fast.

All: Let us worship the God who meets us here today!

Sing Together

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

All

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Chorus: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been
revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

**There are blessings you cannot receive
'Till you know that's Spirit's fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."**

(Chorus)

Community Prayers Rev. Jacob Naron

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Jacob Naron/**All**

**Loving mystery with many names, You dwell within and among us.
You are holy. May we live as you have called us to live. Nourish us
in food for the body and food for the soul. Help us to forgive
others, and may we too be freed from judgment. Move us toward
wholeness and goodness and toward your love. For You dwell
within us and among us and through us. Amen.**

The Good News Proclaimed and Our Response

Scripture A Selection from Ruth 1 (NRSVUE) Donna Nichols

Sermon "Beauty and Bitterness" Rev. Jacob Naron

Song of Reflection "I Will Follow" Choir

Our Hearts Respond **All**

**God of compassion, like Naomi, we carry both beauty and
bitterness within us. We confess that grief, disappointment, and
fear can harden our hearts and cloud our vision. Yet even in our
sorrow, You remain near. Open our hearts to the beauty of Your
presence, the kindness of community, and the hope You continue
to grow in us. Receive us with grace, and lead us toward healing
and new life. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Rev. Jacob Naron

The Table of Grace

*God's table is open to all. As you remain in your seats, your pastors will serve each one
gluten-free bread and alcohol-free juice. After all are served, we will enjoy the feast
together. If you are joining by zoom, please join us in this celebration with united hearts
and good intention.*

Celebration of Communion

Rev. Jacob Naron

Communion Song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Instrumental

Sing Together "O, Christ, Surround Me" **All**

**God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me**

**Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me
Christ in the ears who hear my voice
Christ in the hearts of all who know me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me**

Blessing

Rev. Jacob Naron

Sending Song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Instrumental