



# Abney Street Church of God

.....*A Christ Centered Church*.....

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

**May 6, 2018**

*Newness is springing to life all around us! Thank you, God, that your divine resurrection is revealed here on earth.*



CALL TO WORSHIP: "Revelation Song"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #36: "Revive Us Again"

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN #343: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #423: "There's Power In The Blood"

DISMISS CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: "Doubt or Faith?"

John 20:29

COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION #410: "Jesus Paid It All"

BENEDICTION

# Today God Is First

## SURPRISE!

"Each day holds a surprise," wrote Henri Nouwen. "But only if we expect it, can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy."

Wait - *sorrow* as a surprise? And I'm not to fear it? Aren't surprises supposed to be happy things? What does Nouwen mean?

He continues: "It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity." And I remember, too, the psalmist's words: "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted" (Psalm 34:18). Maybe that's the surprise in our sorrow: that when we ache, as when we celebrate, God is there - in new friends, in shared humanity. Surprise!

---Heidi Mann



**Good Morning!** "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song" (Psalm 98:4, ESV).  
*Welcome, as we join Creation in worshipping God!*

**May 6-12, 2018**

### TODAY

Boys and Girls Club cooks meeting

## This week at our church

### WEDNESDAY

**10:00 a.m.**

Ladies Prayer

**6:00 p.m.**

Elder's Meeting

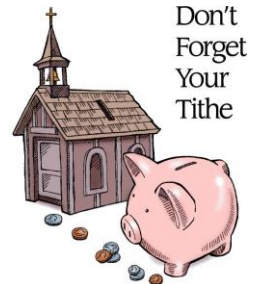
Deacon's Meeting

**7:00 p.m.**

Adult Bible Study, Youth Fellowship, Children's Bible clubs

### SATURDAY

Postal Food Drive



Don't Forget Your Tithe

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**MAY 13** - Graduate Recognition  
**MAY 20** - Deadline for Salvation Army clothing/furniture Donations