

**MAY 14, 2023; 9:00 am**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**We Gather Together**

**Prelude:** "Ellacombe"      *arr. by John A. Behnke/Michael Burkhardt*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Lew Smith*

Today is a celebration of the beginning of the month  
we call the Festival of the Christian Home.

We begin with our celebration of Mother's Day.

We are reminded that God has called us together in relationships  
of love, nurture, and growth that we may be witness  
to God's love and power in our lives.

**We celebrate the many ways in which families are designed,  
from the single person who is in a family with God,  
to the multitude of family systems.**

**In the midst of all these differences,  
God is the constant loving presence with us.**

Praise be to God who has called us here!

**Praise be to God who continues to bless us. AMEN.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you  
thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life  
through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands and  
gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and  
giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our  
mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister,  
aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those**

women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Sung Response: GTG 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**\*Call to Confession**

No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

**\*Prayer of confession**

**Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Christ transforms, redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Sung Response PH 577 “Glory Be to the Father”**

## **God’s Word Is Proclaimed**

**Epistle Reading: I Peter 3: 13-22**

*Lew Smith*

**New Testament: John 14: 15-21**

*Rev. Mary Council-Austin*

**Children’s Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sung response: GTG 693 “The Gift of Love”**

**Sermon: “I Will Not Leave You”**

*Rev. Mary Council-Austin*

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Offering: “The Gift of Love”**

*arr. by John Carter*

**\*Offertory PH 592 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Reading: The Wide Spectrum of Mothering**

*A.J. Larson*

*written by Amy Young ([Http://messymiddle.com](http://messymiddle.com))*

[The Wide Spectrum of Mothering](#), written by a woman who had this experience: “Fast forward several years to Mother’s Day. A pastor asked all mothers to stand. On my immediate right, my mother stood and on my immediate left, a dear friend stood. I, a woman in her late 30s, sat. I don’t know how others saw me, but I felt dehumanized, gutted as a woman. Real women stood, empty shells sat. I do not normally feel this way. I do not like feeling this way. I want no woman to ever feel this way in church again.”

**Prayers of the People**

## **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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

**\*Sung Response: GTG 643 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Refrain: PH 537 "Shalom Chaverim"**

**Postlude: "Nun danket alle Gott"      *arr. Georg Friedrich Kaufmann***

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## **This Week at Church**

**Sunday**                      **05.14**  
9:00-10:00am              Worship  
10:15am                      Fellowship Time  
10:15-11:15am              Growing Connections  
Adults    Celebrating Women- Fellowship Hall  
Children   Church School – Gathering Room

**Monday**                      **05.15**  
10:00am-11:00am          Staff Meeting  
6:30-8:00pm                Session (Hybrid)

**Tuesday**                    **05.16**  
9:00-3:30pm                Quilts of Valor

**Wednesday**                **05.17**  
8:00-9:00am                Men's Breakfast  
4:00-6:00pm                Loaves and Fishes  
4:30-5:30pm                Hand Bell Practice

**Thursday**                    **05.18**  
1:00-2:30pm                Growing Connections Planning  
3:00-4:00pm                Scholarship Committee

**Saturday**                    **05.20**  
9:00-12:00pm                Table Tennis

**Sunday**                      **05.21**  
9:00-10:00am                Pedro Arellano is leading us in worship.  
Sanctuary & Zoom  
10:15am                      Fellowship Time  
10:15-11:15am                Growing Connections  
Adults    Fall Prevention Training - Parlor  
Children   Church School – Gathering Room  
6:00-7:30pm                Boy Scout Troop 702

## **Looking Ahead**

Favorite Hymns During Worship	May 28
New Banner is Displayed	May 28
Pentecost Sunday	May 28
Baccalaureate Service - Holy Family	June 1

**PRAYERS**

Brian C.

Gary G.

Pat D.

Gib D.

Arnold L.

Pauline W.

Jesse F.

Silas W.

Liam A.

Jerry and Mary H.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Lynn K.

Sheryl B.

Don V.

Lynn M.

**E-Giving**

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org). Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

**Weekly Statistics**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
MAY 7,2023	<b>140 IN THE PEW!</b>	\$5,898.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
MAY 7,2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
05/01--05/2023		\$2,921.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
05/01--05/2023		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$8,819.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$49,051.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
5/7/2023	<b>7 Households</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 05/07/2023



Pentecost Sunday is the Birthday of the Church, the time when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. This year, we are offering two ways to make a special, Pentecost Offering.

- **Pentecost Special Offering** - gifts will be given to the Pentecost Special Offering. Please leave your gift in the offering plate, send it to our church office or send it electronically. Be sure to mark your gift as 'Pentecost Offering'.

- **Pentecost 'Paper' Offering** Our church and the Head Start Program go through a LOT of paper (ish) supplies. You can help through your gifts.

Thank you for generously sharing with our church and our ministry to youth.

The Serving Team

## Pentecost Paper Offering

### Church

Paper plates - Large and Small  
(NOT Styrofoam)

Napkins

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Facial Tissues

Children's Coloring Supplies

Stamps

Copy Paper, 8<sup>1/2</sup> x 11, white / color

Copy Paper, 11 x 17, white / color

Card Stock, 8<sup>1/2</sup> x 11, white / color

Fair Trade Coffee

Fair Trade Tea

### Head Start

Facial Tissue

Baby Wipes

Copy Paper 8 1/2 X11

White Poster Board

General Drawing Paper

Wide Lined Composition Notebooks

Beginning May 14th, please leave your gift in front of the communion table in the sanctuary.  
We will bless all the gifts received on Pentecost Sunday, May 28.