

**July 14, 2024; 9:00 am**  
**Summer Series: "Seeds of Faith – Created for Growth"**

## **We Gather Together**

*Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

*Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.*

**Prelude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**  
**"Royal Oak"**

*arr. by Emma Lou Diemer*  
*arr. By Dale Wood*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

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

**The Parable of the Sower Video (Based on Mark 4:1-20)**  
*(page 38 in the pew Bible, page 1219 Common English Bible)*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Joanne M.*

We are a people of the water!

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

Love, like a warm shower in the morning that cleanses us and awakens us.

**We worship a God whose love flows through water.**

### **\* Opening Prayer**

God of creation, who brought forth light from darkness, we are your creation. In the waters of baptism you have transformed us, marking us as your children, and recreating us through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

### **\*Opening Hymn: GTG 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

*Carol W., Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession (1 John 1:5-7)**

*Joanne M.*

*This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all." If we claim, "We have fellowship with him," and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.*

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Joanne M.*

Let us therefore confess our sins together...

**Holy God, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised. We know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry.**

### *Silent Confession*

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

God of grace and growth, **bleed and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (Psalm 103:8, 10-12)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him. As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*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: GTG 581** "Glory be to the Father"

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Common English Bible)**

(page 555 in the pew Bible, page 746 Common English Bible)

Lord, you have done so many things!

You made them all so wisely!

**The earth is full of your creations!**

And then there's the sea, wide and deep,

with its countless creatures—

**living things both small and large.**

There go the ships on it,

and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

**All your creations wait for you**

**to give them their food on time.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

**But when you hide your face, they are terrified;**

**when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to dust.**

When you let loose your breath, they are created,  
and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

**Let the Lord's glory last forever!**

**Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!**

He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes.

God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.**

**Let my praise be pleasing to him;**

**I'm rejoicing in the Lord!**

Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth;

let the wicked be no more.

**But let my whole being bless the Lord!**

**Praise the Lord!**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 4:10-20 (Common English Bible)**

*(page 38 in the pew Bible, page 1219 Common English Bible)*

When they were alone, the people around Jesus, along with the Twelve, asked him about the parables. He said to them, "The secret of God's kingdom has been given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in parables. This is so that they can look and see but have no insight, and they can hear but not understand. Otherwise, they might turn their lives around and be forgiven.

"Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?"

The farmer scatters the word. This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right

away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them. Here's the meaning of the seed that fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it joyfully. Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the ones who have heard the word; but the worries of this life, the false appeal of wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it. They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and in another case one hundred to one."

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**\*Hymn: GTG 482 "Baptized in Water"**

**Sermon: "Sharing Secrets"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Blessing of Campers**

**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.**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

**Adriana**

Sponsors: Alexis Petermann and Rafael Saez

**Ahnyiah, Arhmed, Ameeniah**

Sponsors: Cynthia Kelm, Alexis Petermann and Rafael Saez

## **Renewal of Baptism**

**Neiciah**

**Special Music** *“Jesus Loves Me”*

*Ahnyiah, Ameeniah, and AJ*

## **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God’s hands, to be re-shaped*

**Offering Music:** *“Only Water”*

*Laurie C.*

**\*Offertory: GTG 607** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Sending Hymn: GTG 39** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

God has laid claim to our lives, and to our life lived out together. By our baptisms we have been marked as God’s own forever. In grace may God watch over us, and in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit may we go forth sharing the secrets of the kingdom through the example of our new life.

**Postlude: “Faithfulness”**

*arr. by Sandra W. Jarrell*

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## Keep in Prayer

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Gib D.  
Jesse F.  
Liam A.  
Joyce J.  
**Judy D.**  
Karen & David H.\*  
Lynn K.\*

Lorelei C.  
Marie L.  
Mary J.  
Mike S.\*  
Pat D.  
Sally S.  
**Sue C. \***

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

## WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JULY 07,2024

Individuals in Person: 103

Zoom Households: 5

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
07/07/2024	\$3242.15	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ .00	Pave the Way
7/01--05/24	\$2961.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<u>\$6213.15</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

### **Financial Giving and Gratitude**

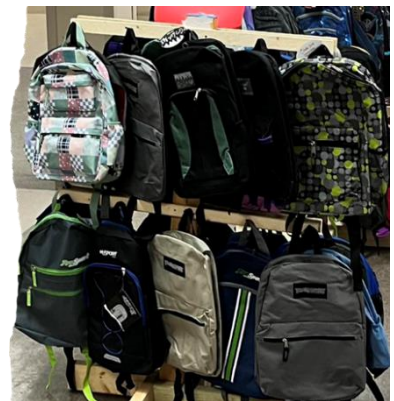
You can give online at [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org) (Click on 'Giving'). You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.



## **Distribution Day: August 17**

Registration: July 9 – August 7, 2024

**Bring Donations to the Church Narthex**





## **Looking Ahead**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

1:05pm

6:00-7:00pm

6:30-7:45pm

### **July 14**

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections – Sermon Discussion

Dock Spiders Game

Boy Scout Committee Mtg

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 2

### **Monday**

10:00-11:30am

6:30-8:30pm

### **July 15**

Staff Meeting

Session Meeting

### **Tuesday**

10:30-12:00pm

1:00-2:30pm

1:15-2:15pm

### **July 16**

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 2

Personnel Team Meeting

Growing Connections Planning Mtg

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am

### **July 17**

Men's Breakfast (Pump 'n Pantry)

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

1:00-2:00pm

6:30-7:45pm

### **July 21**

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections – Joy filled Church Experiences

PYA at the Woodlands

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 3