

August 11, 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: "The Solid Rock"
"Converse"**

*arr. by Sandra W. Jarrell
arr. by Robert A. Hobby*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

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

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 13)

Jolene S., liturgist

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?**

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

*** Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, who led our ancestors in faith out of the wilderness into a land that became their home, you continue to walk with us in our journeys of life. Guide us in the ways that we interact and relate to one another. Call us to live in faithfulness to your ways in our daily lives, and call us to live in the ways of compassion and mercy, love and forgiveness in this world. Remind us that it is not our duty to gain followers, but our call is to love and serve others. Help us to minister to one another in this world. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 301 "Let Us Build A House" vs. 1, 4 and 5**

Carol W., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene S.

We acknowledge, O God, that we are part of a suffering world - a world where human beings experience pain and torture on a daily basis. All too often we join our cries to that of the Psalmist - how long, O God? How long will you hide your face from all those who suffer right now throughout this world? Yet, in saying this, we are forgetting that rather than hiding your face, you have revealed it in Jesus. Rather than abandoning us to all the destructive powers of evil, you chose to confront the power of evil by sharing our humanity and our suffering in and through the sacrificial love of Jesus. Through his love, lives previously overwhelmed by the fear of death and darkness have been enlightened for ever. Help us to open our hearts to trust you.

Silent Confession

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

God of grace and mercy, we pray as we worship you today, that our lives will be transformed by the light and life of Christ and renewed by the

power of the Holy Spirit so that we praise and glorify you not only in words but in deeds of love and mercy performed in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ!
And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! 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: GTG 581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 18:1-6 (Common English Bible)

(page 497 in the pew Bible, page 675 Common English Bible)

He said: I love you, Lord, my strength.

**The Lord is my solid rock,
my fortress, my rescuer.**

My God is my rock—

I take refuge in him!—

**he's my shield,
my salvation's strength,
my place of safety.**

Because he is praiseworthy,

I cried out to the Lord,
and I was saved from my enemies.

**Death's cords were wrapped around me;
rivers of wickedness terrified me.**

**The cords of the grave surrounded me;
death's traps held me tight.**

In my distress I cried out to the Lord;
I called to my God for help.

**God heard my voice from his temple;
I called to him for help,
and my call reached his ears.**

Scripture Reading: James 1:2-7, 13-21 (Common English Bible)
(page 228 in the pew Bible, page 1469 Common English Bible)

My brothers and sisters, think of the various tests you encounter as occasions for joy. After all, you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let this endurance complete its work so that you may be fully mature, complete, and lacking in nothing. But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score. Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask. Whoever asks shouldn't hesitate. They should ask in faith, without doubting. Whoever doubts is like the surf of the sea, tossed and turned by the wind. People like that should never imagine that they will receive anything from the Lord. They are double-minded, unstable in all their ways.

No one who is tested should say, "God is tempting me!" This is because God is not tempted by any form of evil, nor does he tempt anyone. Everyone is tempted by their own cravings; they are lured away and enticed by them. Once those cravings conceive, they give birth to sin; and when sin grows up, it gives birth to death.

Don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 465** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Sermon: "The Word Planted Deep"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

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.

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Blessing Back to School Supplies

Serving Team

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 for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Jesus, Be with Us"

Carol W., Cantor

***Offertory: GTG 607** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 353** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *arr. by J. Bert Carlson*

Keep In Prayer

Arnold L.
Ashley K.*
Bob & Ollive B.
Brian C.
Chastity G. & Joan S.
Corinne C.
Danielle B.
Dick and Maryann*

Gib D.
Jesse F.
Judy D.
Karen & David H.*
Liam A.
Lynn K.*
Lynn M.

Marie L.
Mike S.*
Qualine S.* Jodi A mom
Pat D.
Paul W.
Sally S.
Sue C. *

Karen Rehn and family in the death of her father, Richard Lefeber.

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. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

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.

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WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 4,2024

Individuals in Person: 89

Zoom Households: 6

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
08/04/2024	\$2992.10	Tithes/Offerings
	\$.00	Pave the Way
7/29— 8/2/24	\$2711.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$110.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<u>\$5813.10</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org [Giving page](#). (Click on ' Online 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

6:00-7:00pm

6:30-7:45pm

August 11

Worship

Fellowship Time

Sermon Discussion

Boy Scout Committee Meeting

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 6

Monday

10:00-11:30am

August 12

Staff Meeting

Tuesday

10:30-12:00pm

12:00-1:00pm

August 13

The Chosen Season 4 Ep 6

Growing Connections Planning Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

5:30-7:30pm

August 14

Men's Breakfast

Women in Faith