

August 18, 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: "Salzburg"

arr. by Robin Dinda

Welcome & Announcements

Carol W.

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

The Sower and the Seed Dramatic Reading (Adapted from Mark 4:3-9)

***Call to Worship**

Carol W.

Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

May our hearts be open to trust you.

Look at the birds of the air;
they neither study nor plan nor plot their course
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

May our eyes be open to see you.

Look at the birds of the air;
they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility
yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

May our hands be open to serve you.

*** Opening Prayer**

Here we are Lord! We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives from the hubbub of our work and play from the hue and cry of the world around us, we come to worship you. In this hour, we long to meet you, to feel your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us. We long to settle into silence, laying aside our worries and our cares, aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us. Come, Lord Jesus.

***Sung Response: GTG 679 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”**

Linda D. and Jonathan P.

***Call to Confession**

Carol W.

We schedule our lives down to the very second. We crowd in as much activity as we can and then wonder why we are so stressed out and tired. Let us now confess the sins of our business, so we can focus our attention on God’s Word.

***Prayer of Confession**

Carol W.

God of grace, we are afraid to miss out on anything. And when it comes time to be with others we spend our time worrying about details rather than longing for the visit. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details and miss the opportunity to sit at your feet, learning, listening, growing in our faith.

Silent Confession

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

Lord, help us to place ourselves in your care. **Slow us down, just a bit, so that we can see the wonders you have placed before us and truly enjoy and share the blessings you have given to us. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

On the seventh day of creation, God rested, creating a Sabbath, a time set apart for rest, to learn, to listen, to be quiet and at peace. Let Sabbath take root in your heart and in your life. 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 119:33-40 (Common English Bible)

(page 567 in the pew Bible, page 760 Common English Bible)

LORD, teach me what your statutes are about,
and I will guard every part of them.

**Help me understand so I can guard your Instruction
and keep it with all my heart.**

Lead me on the trail of your commandments
because that is what I want.

**Turn my heart to your laws,
not to greedy gain.**

Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things.
Make me live by your way.

**Confirm your promise to your servant—
the promise that is for all those who honor you.**

Remove the insults that I dread
because your rules are good.

**Look how I desire your precepts!
Make me live by your righteousness.**

Scripture Readings:

Hosea 10:12-13 (Common English Bible)

(page 842 in the pew Bible, page 1102 Common English Bible)

Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap faithful love;
break up your unplanted ground,
for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come
and rain righteousness upon you.

You have plowed wickedness,
you have reaped depravity,
you have eaten the fruit of lies,
because you have trusted in your way
and in your many warriors.

Matthew 6:25-34 (Common English Bible)

(page 6 in the pew Bible, page 1176 Common English Bible)

“Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink, or about your body, what you’ll wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? Therefore, don’t worry and say, ‘What

are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 661** “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

Sermon: “Seeing the Forrest Through the Trees” *Chaplain Evan Stark*

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

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: "You Say"

Pedro A.

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

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Showalter"

arr. by Keith Hampton

Keep In Prayer

Arnold L.	Dick and Maryann*	Marie L.
Ashley K.*	Gib D.	Mike S.*
Bob & Ollive B.	Jesse F.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Brian C.	Judy D.	Pat D.
Bruce L. *(Arnold L son)	Karen & David H.*	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Liam A.	Sally S.
Corinne C.	Lynn K.*	Sue C. *(Judy M's sister)
Danielle B.	Lynn M.	

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 11,2024

Individuals in Person: 77

Zoom Households: 4

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
08/11/2024	\$1881.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 25.00	Pave the Way
8/5--9/2024	\$1411.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$ 10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	\$3327.00	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 August 18
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15-11:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections-GriefShare Program
6:30-7:45pm The Chosen Season 4 Ep 7

Monday August 19
10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting

Tuesday August 20
10:30-12:00pm The Chosen Season 4 Ep 7
1:00-2:30pm Personnel Team Meeting
5:00-6:30pm Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday August 21
8:00-9:00am Men’s Breakfast