

June 1, 2025; 9:00 am
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.*

Prelude: Fantasia on "Aurelia"

arr. by Rob Roy Peery

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Carol W., Liturgist

Welcome friends, family, and neighbors. Today we worship, pray, sing, and share the sacrament of Holy Communion.

It is a gift to be called and gathered, to be able to worship God in community.

We gather and remember the words Jesus spoke, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

His words opened their minds to understand the scriptures. It changed their lives forever.

May the Spirit open our minds today as we hear the gospel of Jesus in many forms.

May our lives be changed as we worship God together.

***Opening Prayer**

Carol W.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open our hearts to your Word, that we may hear with clarity, receive with humility, and live with courage. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 321 "The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

Henry H., cantor

***Call to Confession**

Carol W.

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of freedom, we confess that we are often bound by fear, silence, or comfort. We overlook injustice, ignore the cries of the suffering, and hesitate to speak or act when your Spirit calls. Forgive us for the chains we accept and the chains we place on others. Break open our hearts, and lead us into the risky joy of your liberating love.

Silent Confession

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

Lord, have mercy upon us; **heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen**

***Assurance of Pardon**

We read in 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." We believe and proclaim the good news:

In Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are set free—free from sin, free to live, and free to love and serve. Thanks be to God!

***Sharing God's Peace**

We are given the same promise the Apostle Paul gave to the saints in Christ Jesus in Philippi: "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

Eddie H., bass

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 97 (Common English Bible)

Carol W.

page 551 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 741 (CEB)

The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice!

Let all the islands celebrate!

Clouds and thick darkness surround God.

His throne is built on righteousness and justice.

Fire proceeds before him,

burning up his enemies on every side.

His lightning lights up the world;

the earth sees it and trembles!

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of the whole world!

Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness,

and all nations have seen his glory.

All those who worship images,

those who are proud of idols,

are put to shame.

All gods bow down to the Lord!

Zion has heard and celebrates,

the towns of Judah rejoice,

because of your acts of justice, Lord,

because you, Lord, are the Most High

over all the earth,

because you are so superior to all other gods.

Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil!

God guards the lives of his faithful ones,

delivering them from the power of the wicked.

Light is planted like seed for the righteous person;

joy too for those whose heart is right.

Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones!

Give thanks to his holy name!

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-36 (Common English Bible)

page 136 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1348 (CEB)

One day, when we were on the way to the place for prayer, we met a slave woman. She had a spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She made a lot of money for her owners through fortune-telling. She began following Paul and us, shouting, “These people are servants of the Most High God! They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!” She did this for many days.

This annoyed Paul so much that he finally turned and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave her!” It left her at that very moment.

Her owners realized that their hope for making money was gone. They grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the officials in the city center. When her owners approached the legal authorities, they said, “These people are causing an uproar in our city. They are Jews who promote customs that we Romans can’t accept or practice.” The crowd joined in the attacks against Paul and Silas, so the authorities ordered that they be stripped of their clothes and beaten with a rod. When Paul and Silas had been severely beaten, the authorities threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to secure them with great care. When he received these instructions, he threw them into the innermost cell and secured their feet in stocks.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison’s foundations. The doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose. When the jailer awoke and saw the open doors of the prison, he thought the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted loudly, “Don’t harm yourself! We’re all here!”

The jailer called for some lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He led them outside and asked, “Honorable masters, what must I do to be rescued?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your entire household.” They spoke the Lord’s word to him and everyone else in his house. Right then, in the middle of the night, the jailer welcomed them and washed their wounds. He and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. He brought them into his home and gave them a meal. He was overjoyed because he and everyone in his household had come to believe in God.

The next morning the legal authorities sent the police to the jailer with the order “Release those people.”

So the jailer reported this to Paul, informing him, “The authorities sent word that you both are to be released. You can leave now. Go in peace.”

Children’s Time

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: “Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone”

Sermon: “Sources of Salvation”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God’s Word

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word “catholic” means “relating to the church universal”*

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: GTG 518 "Your Only Son"

Henry H., Cantor

***Offertory: GTG 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain only)**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church's table. This is the Lord's table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution)

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

Music during communion:

GTG 647 "Give Thanks"

Break Thou the Bread of Life *arr. by Charles Callahan*

Fairest Lord Jesus *arr. by Charles Callahan*

PRAYER OF THANKS

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your

Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Sending Song GTG 772 “Live into Hope” vs. 1 & 3**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Postlude: “Lift Up Your Heads”

arr. by Edmund Shay

Prayers of the People

Arnold L.	James P.* (Ruth P. friend)	Mike F.
Avril N. (Pretorius' friend)	Jesse F.	Paige T.
Bob & Ollive B.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Pass Family
Brian C.	Joyce J.	Pat D.
Brian M* (friend of Les M.)	Kathy A.* (Kevin B sister)	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Laurie C.	Paul W.
Corinne C.	Lew S.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Dick* (Laurie C uncle)	Liam A.	Rod M.* (Mary/Dan R friend)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter)	Sherry M.
Gib D.	Lynn M.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Pete D.	Marie L.	Winifred C.
Jack K.* (Jolene S BIL)	Mary C-A.*	

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. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box 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.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR MAY 25, 2025

Individuals in Person: 94

Zoom Households: 12

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
5/25/2025	\$3848.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$.00	Special Offerings
5/19-23/25	\$ 1150.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	110.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$5108.00	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.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am
10:15-11:15am
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6:00-7:30pm

June 1

Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion in the Parlor
Sunday School in the Gathering Room and Classrooms
Boy Scout Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday

10:00-11:30am
1:00-2:30pm

June 2

Staff Meeting in the Office
Deacon Meeting in the Parlor

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
7:00-8:00pm

June 4

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry
Baccalaureate Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday

9:00-10:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Worship with Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
Growing Connections-Summer Music Opportunities in Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Congregational Meeting-for the election of Deacon
Winnebago Presbytery Meeting at FPC FDL
Blood Drive
Lifest

June 8
June 12
July 8
July 10-13