

May 12, 2024; 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.

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 Creatures of Our God and King

arr. John Purifoy

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jolene S.

Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

We come, hungering for a place in which we can be gently nourished.

Be like trees planted by the streams of living water, ready to receive God's nourishment.

Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

O Lord, Easter had such an impact on our lives. We walked the by-ways with Jesus, ate with him and wept at the crucifixion. Easter morn dawned brightly in our lives at the news of the resurrection, and we sang songs of great joy.

Watch over us, gentle God, as we pray and work to do your will. Keep our hearts open to your loving word and ways. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: GTG 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”**

Laurie C., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S.

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray, saying,

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene S.

Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to live out the good news of your saving love. Looking for quick and easy answers, we often give our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our lives. You, who raised Christ from the dead, have promised to raise our spirits and bring us to new life. You have done this and yet, we remain static in our response to you. Help us to be open always to your word and your love.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us for the smallness of our faith. **Open our hearts and teach us your love again. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. 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. **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”**

arr. Richard K. Avery & Donald S. Marsh

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 1 (Common English Bible)

(page 489 in the pew Bible, page 665 in the Common English Bible)

The truly happy person

doesn’t follow wicked advice,
doesn’t stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn’t sit with the disrespectful.

Instead of doing those things,

these persons love the Lord’s Instruction,
and they recite God’s Instruction day and night!

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don’t fade.

Whatever they do succeeds.

That’s not true for the wicked!

They are like dust that the wind blows away.

And that’s why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.

The Lord is intimately acquainted

with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19 (Common English Bible)

(page 111 in the pew Bible, page 1316 in the Common English Bible)

“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “That They Will Be One”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

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: “Blest be the Tie That Binds”

arr. Wilbur Held

***Offertory: PH 593 “Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”**

***Offertory Prayer**

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.**

***Sending Hymn: GTG 634 "To God Be the Glory"**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Fanfare on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

arr. by Charles Callahan

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*Laura C.

Hierl Family – Mike’s father passed away on May 4.

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.

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at 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.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR May 5, 2024

Individuals in Person: 85
Zoom Households: 6

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
05/05/2024	\$8431.00	Tithes/Offerings
	5000.	Pave the Way
04/29—		
05/03	\$3761.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<u>\$17202.00</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

May Deacon of the Month
Gail Kamphuis

May Elder of the Month
Sue Baker

This Week at Church

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

- Adults Sharing stories of the special women in your life.
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

May 12 / Mother's Day

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections

Monday

10:00-11:30am

May 13

Staff Meeting

Tuesday

3:00-4:00pm

May 14

Loving Team

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

1:00-3:00pm

4:00-6:00pm

4:30-5:30pm

May 15

Men's Breakfast (Pump 'n Pantry)

Personnel Team

Loaves and Fishes

Bell Choir

Friday

7:00-9:00pm

May 17

Cribbage

Saturday

9:00-12:00pm

May 18

Table Tennis

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

- Adults Immigration Presentation (Parlor)
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

1:00-2:00pm

May 19 Pentecost (Please wear red!)

Worship / Graduation & Scholarship Sunday

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections

PYA (Bingo at the Woodlands)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is Sunday May 19. Don't forget to bring your paper products to church to help Big Brothers/Big Sisters and The Solution Center. We are also taking monetary donations to support young Christians all over the world. Please pray about how you might be able to support both choices of the Pentecost Special Offering.

Pentecost Sunday

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. You can put your monetary gift in the offering plate (please mark it Pentecost), or you can give online at our [website](#).

Pentecost Paper Drive

The Serving Team is having a paper drive for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and The Solution Center. There is a list of products needed at the Welcome Center and it is also available on our website (www.fdlpresbyterian.org). Paper products will be accepted until the end of May.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters & Solution Center Paper Drive

Paper Towels	13 Gallon Trash Bags
Toilet Paper	Aluminum Foil
Construction Paper (any color)	Quart/Gallon Size Baggies
Paper Plates	Tissue
Post It Notes	Diapers (any size)
Coloring Books	Pull-ups (any size)
Crayons/Markers (for coloring books)	Baby Wipes