

June 30, 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: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *arr. by Robin Dinda*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** *Eddie H., liturgist*

What mysteries there are in God's world!

We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

From that small seed will grow a large shrub or a bountiful harvest.

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.

*** Opening Prayer**

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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

Carol W., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Eddie H.

The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks. We confess that our hearts may need tilling and the digging out of the deeply rooted sins that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion.

***Prayer of Confession**

Eddie H.

God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with raindrops of mercy,

Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!

God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy,

Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!

God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy,

Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!

Silent Confession

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

God of grace and mercy, **like a Divine Gardener, tend us in steadfast love, unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness; cultivate true friendship with you through boundless forgiveness.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts. Gathered as God’s community of believers, a household of ministry with the Holy Spirit living in us, through the cross of Christ we are forgiven.

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 19:1-6 (Common English Bible)

(page 498 in the pew Bible, page 677 Common English Bible)

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—

**but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.**

God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

**The sun is like a groom
coming out of his honeymoon suite;
like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.**

It rises in one end of the sky;
its circuit is complete at the other.
Nothing escapes its heat.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:1-9 (Common English Bible)

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

Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, "Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it

scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one." He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!"

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

vs. 1, 4 &5

Sermon: "Created for Growth"

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

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: “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

by John D. Horman

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

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Beautiful Savior”

arr. by Robert A. Hobby

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The family of Burt Mayborne. You can read the obituary [here](#).

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 June 23,2024

Individuals in Person: 103

Zoom Households: 2

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
06/23/2024	\$1329.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$130.00	Pave the Way
6/17-21/24	\$2656.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	\$4125.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

This Week at Church

Sunday

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

June 30

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections –Post Traumatic Stress Disorder discussion and how July 4th Festivities impact people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Monday

9:30-12:00pm
12:00-1:00pm
1:00-2:00pm
7:00-8:30pm

July 1

Mayborne Visitation
Service
Luncheon
Worship Team

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
1:00-2:30pm

July 3

Men’s Breakfast (Pump ‘n Pantry)
Personnel Team Meeting

Thursday

July 4
Church Office Closed

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
6:30-7:45pm

July 7

Worship with Communion
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections –Discussion on Autism
The Chosen Showing Season 4 Episode 1