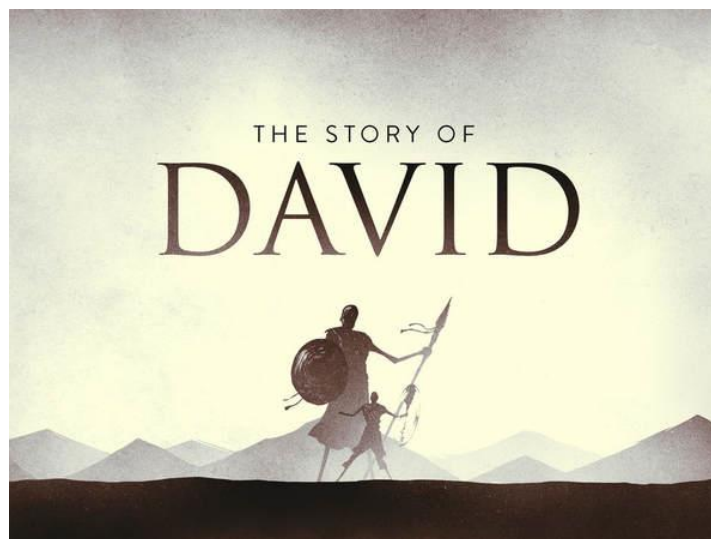


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MAY 26, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

DENNIS ELIOT

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-2

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

* HYMN #20

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

"ROYAL OAK"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

* RESPONSE #555

O LAMB OF GOD

"LAND OF REST"

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died and was raised for them.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forever!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I SAMUEL 16:1-13

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 248

ANTHEM

THIS IS MY SONG

JEAN SIBELIUS

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdom:
thy kingdom come; on earth they will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up til all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayers, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

SECOND LESSON

I CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 156

SERMON

THE RISE OF DAVID
I. THE BEGINNING

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* LITANY AND PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

On this Sunday before Memorial Day,
we remember those who lost their lives for the cause of liberty and freedom.

We remember with gratitude their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families so that we
may worship
and live as our conscience dictates. With gratitude we lift up those who have served and their
families for God's blessing and care.

May God be with all of God's children, but on this day, may the Holy Spirit especially care for,
and make whole those whose lives have been shaped by the chaos of war.

We commit as the Body of Christ, to care for our veterans, both those who have served
during times of peace and times of war.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, with deep regret we acknowledge the human greed, arrogance, and sin that
drives nations to take up arms against nations. We give thanks for those who have selflessly
given of themselves to protect the liberty and freedom that we enjoy, the freedom that
ultimately comes from the love and grace of your son. We pray, that you would bless those
who are serving in places of conflict, and grant them your security and peace. We also ask
that you give comfort to those whose lives have been forever changed by war. Help us all to
lay down our weapons and make war no more. We pray this in the name of the Prince of
Peace, Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art 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;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

SUNDAY MORNING
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

EDWARD BROUGHTON

* AT THE PRESENTATION # 609 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #547

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

“AR HYDY NOS”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

“DENNIS”

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

BRETHREN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

FRANKLIN RITTER

NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....Aaron Hendrickson
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Guest Organist.....Nancy Hodges
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews and Linda Mellon

WORSHIP NOTES

The first two stanzas of the Anthem were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice distinctly Christian perspective.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

STAFF VACATION NOTICE: Executive Administrative Assistant Brittany Jackson will be on vacation from May 28th - June 3rd. The church office will be staffed from 9:00AM-12:00PM by office volunteers. Also, please note that the Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

NEW E-GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE: You now have the option to give via the church website by clicking the Give Now button, from your Realm account or by text message. You can set up one time payments or reoccurring payments as well. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or if you need any assistance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 19, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2019 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 81,607.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 80,326.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,280.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

May 20, 2018
75

May 19, 2019
66

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

MEDIATATION GROUP BEGINNING AT FPC: In response to the interest indicated on the Wellness Assessment earlier this year, Cheri Duncan will be leading a guided meditation group starting in June. If you're interested in participating in this group and would like further information, as well as discuss meeting times, there will be a short information session in the parlor after worship **today**. You can also contact Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, or Cheri Duncan to discuss the group.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **today** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner help clean tables, or provide brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2019: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We will again be making and delivering lunches for eight Fridays this summer ~ **beginning Friday, June 21 and running through Friday, August 9**. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 AM - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas for more information.

PENTECOST OFFERING: On Pentecost Sunday, we will be donating to the Pentecost Offering, one of four denomination-wide offerings received by the First Presbyterian Church. A gift to this offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our congregation to help support The Family Junction.

This organization is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive parenting and strengthening families in Allegany County, Maryland. Since 1996, The Family Junction has provided support to families by furnishing parents with the resources they need to build strong, healthy relationships with their children.

Through The Family Junction programs, parents connect with others who understand the wonderful, yet often difficult, responsibility of raising children. Their programs strive to teach parents to be the best possible parents they can be, while offering practical, straightforward parenting advice in a fun and relaxed atmosphere . . . because families matter!

Please consider giving generously to this worthwhile offering on June 9.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

PENECOST IS SUNDAY, June 9th. Please help us celebrate the gift of the Spirit by wearing something **red**.

REMINDER: OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS on Sunday, June 9th. Worship is at **10:00 AM** and there is no Sunday School during the summer months.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MAY (27)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY A VOLUNTEER

6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MAY (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY A VOLUNTEER

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

7:00 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY A VOLUNTEER

FRIDAY, MAY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY A VOLUNTEER

SATURDAY, JUNE (1)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JUNE (2)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)

9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)

11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12:15 PM BOOK STUDY IN THE CHAPEL

1:00 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP TRAINING

MAY 26, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



Jesus gives peace that is like no other.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Live in peace
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, lead us away from the contentment that the world wants to offer to the true source of peace and love, which is faith in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, on us to rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to us, and bless us and make the Lord's face to shine on us. (Psalm 67:1)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

I've Got Peace

Like a River



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something that is stressful for you?
- Where is a place you experience peace?
- As discussed in John 14:27, how is the worldly peace of personal safety, wealth, and privilege a false peace?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:23-29.

This text links Jesus, his Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit with love and peace, a peace that is unique to the world. The Roman Empire promoted the Roman peace, but it was based on abusive power, fear, and control. In Acts 16:9-15 Lydia and the other women were in prayer by the river outside of the imperial city of Philippi, probably because it was not safe to trust the Roman peace in town, especially for those who worshiped God. Some political leaders and movements thrive on fear and division to keep power and loyalty. Not so with Jesus whose kingdom casts out fear. It is hard to love others if you fear them. Living in a world that promotes fear, it is not enough to remember Jesus' words from the past. Jesus promises to give us the Holy Spirit, to bring us Jesus' very life and message, a power that moves followers from anxiety of threats to peace and from fear to love. It is no wonder that the resurrected Jesus says, "Peace be with you," to his disciples and leads us to offer the same peace to others. Think of some things that stress you in daily life. Respond to those fears and anxieties by praying the prayer below:

Pray: Come Holy Spirit, give me the peace that Jesus gives. Turn my troubled heart and my fears into faith and trust in you, my loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

SERVICE

In response to God opening her heart to faith in Jesus, Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). Recognizing this milestone moment in her life, she invited Paul and others to stay in her home. Significant milestones in our lives are important. Marking faith milestones nurtures peace and love as we travel on our faith journeys. This week take time to recognize a faith milestone in your life, or one of a family member, or friend. Invite them to your home or send them a card to remember this occasion.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Numbers 6:24-26 is a traditional benediction many recognize, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Psalm 67 is very similar. A benediction is a prayer offering God's help and protection. It means "good word" and is also called a blessing. This week practice a ritual blessing every night before closing your eyes: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us (Psalm 67:1).



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org