

**Welcome to guests and long-time friends, as we worship
in the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPCLive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
July 20, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00 AM

JULY 20, 2025



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD's presence AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Largo from 'Voluntary in C'"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 52)

One: As we gather for worship today, may we be like green olive trees in the house of God.

All: **Green olive trees are stable, sturdy plants with deep roots that flourish in their season. May our worship remind us of our own deep roots to God.**

One: We will trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

All: **We will thank God forever because of all that God has done for us. In the presence of all those gathered, we will proclaim God's name, for God's name is good.**

One: To worship is to heighten and expand our attention to God, to others, and to the world around us. We open all our senses in a special way: seeing the divine in all things and in every direction.

*OPENING PRAYER

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: God is good all the time. And all the time, God is good. There are moments when we don't feel the goodness. Instead, we feel the anxiety. We feel the fear...

...This practice is our confession this morning. And it is our reminder of grace.

All: We breathe in the pain; we breathe out the love. May our hearts be the place where this world is changed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

“Gloria Patri”

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and

generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

GENESIS 1:1-5

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

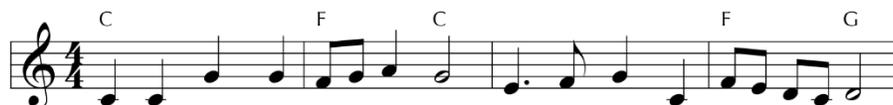
3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

MESSAGE

“Creation as Blessing”

*HYMN

God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Summer Chime Time

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

To Bless the Earth

38

(Psalm 65)

1 To bless the earth God sends us from
2 The seed by God pro - vid - ed is
3 God crowns the year with good - ness; the
4 With grain the fields are cov - ered; the

heaven's a - bun - dant store the wa - ters of the
sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen - tle
earth God's mer - cy fills; the wil - der - ness is
flocks in pas - tures graze; all na - ture joins in

spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more.
show - ers to bless the spring - ing grain.
fruit - ful, and joy - ful are the hills.
sing - ing a joy - ful song of praise.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



Faith Life

July 20, 2025

We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.

VBS Snack Donations

Take a Magnifying Glass and donate!

If you would like to donate to our VBS Snack Time, see the Ministry to the Congregation bulletin board across from Fellowship Hall. Take a Magnifying Glass and bring the item to church and place it in the box below the bulletin board. Thank you!



Are You Willing to Serve?

The Nursery Needs You!

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the nursery during worship time. If you haven't obtained your clearances yet, we can help you with the process. Here are the dates when volunteers are needed:



- **Every Sunday in July and August.**

To sign up, please write your name on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach. Remember, helpers will need their clearances. Thank you!

Worship Assistants Needed

Assisting during worship is easier than you might think! We provide clear, step-by-step instructions along with all necessary materials. Everything is prepped for you! However, we still need volunteers.



- **August 24**

To sign up, write your name on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you!

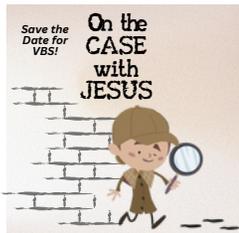
Fellowship Hosts Needed

Everyone enjoys the fellowship time after worship, as it's a great opportunity to connect with your church family! Hosting is simple, and instructions are provided, but we still need volunteers. Here are the dates when hosts are needed:



- **August 10, 17, 31**

To sign up, write your name on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Tim Bagnull or Andy Ingram. Thank you!



Join us for Vacation Bible School

**July 21-24
6-8:00 p.m.**

Detectives Wanted

- Pastor Becki and her furry friend TURQ will lead the story time.
- John Shilanskas will be the music man.
- The Shreck's will again be the craft masters.
- Kellee Brown and Pastor Jo Marchetto will lead the kids in the science lab.
- Heather Davis will be whipping up some tasty snacks.
- Our mission project will be the Teachers' Closet.

The Ministry to the Congregation is looking for helpers for this year's VBS program **On the CASE with JESUS**. We are also looking for folks to be group leaders, game helpers, photographers and snack helpers. If you do not have your clearances, we will assist you in getting them.

If you are interested or want additional information, please contact **Pam Mongi** or **Sally Heimbach**. Registration forms can be found at the church, or you can use the one in the FLYER.



Summer Chime Time

(pop-up Bell Choir) dates: 8/17

Summer Sing

(pop-up Chancel Choir) dates: 7/27, 8/10

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Summer Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Mondays and Fridays

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

This Week

Sunday, July 20: VBS Set-up

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - Ripple Meal

Monday, July 21: Church Office Closed

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 22

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 24

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 25: Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 26

Next Week

Sunday, July 27

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Monday, July 28: Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 29

3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, July 30

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, July 31

3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 1: Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 2



July 27 - "Spirit of Compassion"
Mark 12:28-34

August 3 - "The Paths of Life"
Psalm 30

Daybreak – August 11
Flyer deadline—August 17
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00



Mark Your Calendars!

- Aug. 17..... Fall Newsletter Deadline
- Aug. 18-24..... Pastor's vacation
- Sep. 1..... Labor Day, church office closed
- Sep. 8..... Daybreak, Regular Office Hours resume
- Sep. 21-28..... Pastor's vacation/study leave
- Sep. 28..... Peace & Global Witness
- Oct. 5..... Joint Worship @ The Barn
- Oct. 13..... Daybreak
- Oct. 19..... Crop Hunger Walk
- Nov. 8..... Presbytery Meeting @ Faith
- Nov. 16..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
- Nov. 30..... Advent Begins
- Dec. 6..... Craft Fair
- Dec. 8..... Daybreak
- Dec. 25..... Christmas
- Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter

Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____
