

Welcome to worship. We reflect today on meeting people where they are and trusting that God is already at work beyond these walls. May we be open to seeing and sharing Christ's love wherever we go.

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***  
***May 17, 2026***

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10:00 AM**

**MAY 17, 2026**



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 *"Be Thou My Vision"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 68)

One: May God arise. May we rejoice before God, joyful and happy.

All: **Sing to God, sing in praise of God's name.**

One: God looks out for the lonely and keeps company with the prisoners. God leads us with singing.

All: **God refreshes us and provides for us. Therefore, we will rejoice.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad.**

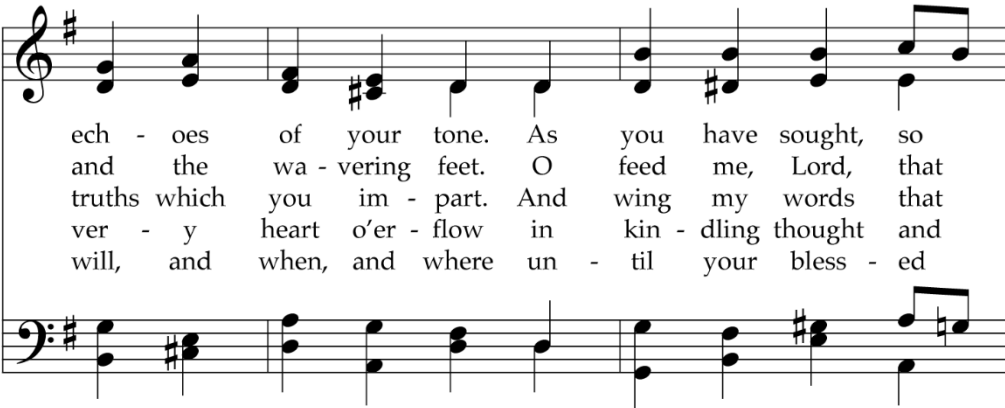
\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

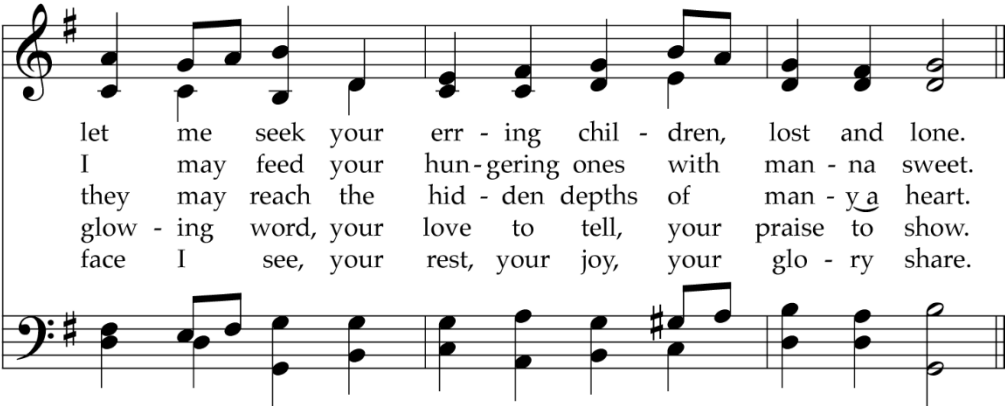
## 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: In Acts 17, Paul encounters people who are searching—curious, thoughtful, trying to make sense of the world and of God. He meets them where they are and points them toward a God who is already near. We, too, are people who search and wonder, yet we often settle for partial truths or keep God at a distance. We become distracted, complacent, or hesitant to seek more deeply. And still, God is not far from us. So we come before God with honesty, trusting that even in our uncertainty, God meets us with grace. Let us confess our sin together.

**All: God who is near to us, we confess that we do not always seek you with open hearts. We become comfortable with what we think we know and resist the invitation to grow deeper in faith. We fill our lives with distractions and give our attention to things that do not give life. At times, we treat you as distant—something to consider rather than someone to trust. We confess that we do not always recognize your presence in the world around us or in the lives of others. Forgive us for the ways we settle for less than the life you offer. Stir in us a deeper curiosity, a greater openness, and a renewed desire to seek you. Remind us that in you we live and move and have our being. Draw us closer to you, and shape us into people who reflect your truth and your grace.**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

*(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)*

## 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

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

- <sup>1</sup> Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup> As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;  
as wax melts before the fire,  
let the wicked perish before God.
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to God; sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds<sup>[a]</sup>—  
his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.
- <sup>5</sup> Father of orphans and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.
- <sup>6</sup> God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious live in a parched land.
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*
- <sup>8</sup> the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup> Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;  
you restored your heritage when it languished;
- <sup>10</sup> your flock found a dwelling in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
- <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
- <sup>33</sup> O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
- <sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel  
and whose power is in the skies.
- <sup>35</sup> Awesome is God in his<sup>[a]</sup> sanctuary, the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace<sup>[a]</sup> every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup> So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor<sup>[b]</sup> he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God<sup>[c]</sup> and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> At that point Paul left them. <sup>34</sup> But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

\*HYMN

# 450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS  
 INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS  
 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35  
 (Please use "debts & debtors".)

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

*"I Hear a Voice a-Prayin'"*

Faithful Harmonizers

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

*"Doxology"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

A Grateful Heart

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(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.  
works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Reprisal of *"Hallelujah Chorus"*

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



# Faith Life

May 17, 2026

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!



This morning, we celebrate the conclusion of another wonderful year of Sunday Morning Together! Join us for fellowship time as we gather, connect, and give thanks for a great year together.

## ***Caps Off to Our Graduates!***

Are you graduating this year? Do you have a high school or college graduate in your household this year? We would love to celebrate with you!

Please send the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and their future plans (work, school, adventures, or all of the above!) to the church office for inclusion in our summer newsletter.

Your church family is so proud of all the hard work, perseverance, and growth that has brought you to this milestone—we can't wait to share and celebrate your accomplishments together!

**LAST CALL!!!** Let's cheer on our grads—send those details in by tomorrow morning at 9:00 am!

## ***Community Yard Sale***

The Borough of Emmaus will hold its community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 30. The Ministry to the Community will host our church's yard sale in the Fellowship Hall that day.

The Ministry to the Community committee will accept congregational donations on Friday, May 29 from 11:00 am to noon. Items must be pre-priced, and unsold items must be picked up on Saturday after 3:00 p.m. or on Sunday, June 1.

If you are able to help with set-up on Friday, or clean-up on Saturday, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.



### **May 24 - Pentecost**

*"The Church Set on Fire (but not literally)"*  
Acts 2:1-21

### **May 31 - Trinity Sunday**

*"The Gift of Encouragement"*  
Acts 4:36-37, 9:26-28, and 11:22-26



## ***It's time for our Dog Tag Fundraiser!***

Each of our work campers will be seeking three Dog Tag Sponsors, and we hope you'll consider supporting one of them. With a suggested donation of \$75, you'll help fund both the camper and the meaningful work they will do through this ministry.

As a sponsor, you'll receive a set of dog tags symbolizing your connection with your camper — a small reminder of the impact your support and prayers can make. You'll also receive a devotional booklet to help you keep our work campers and their mission in your daily prayers.

To become a Dog Tag Sponsor, please make your check payable to Faith Presbyterian Church and write "workcamp" on the memo line.

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### ***Church Office Hours***

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Closed Fridays  
Summer Hours begin the week of May 24 (closed Mondays)



### **Ripple Mission Meal Service**

Faith Presbyterian Church’s mission to Ripple is rooted in faith, love, and grace. On **Saturday, May 31**, we will again cook and serve a meal for our unhoused neighbors at St. Stephen’s Church in Allentown—and we need your help.

This ministry is about more than a meal—it begins with worship. While we prepare the food, the ministers of St. Stephen’s lead a brief service. Afterward, we serve the meal together. Many people describe this time as deeply meaningful and a place where Christ’s presence is strongly felt. This has been a highlight in the lives of our volunteers!

#### **Current needs**

- Volunteers (prep, serving, and clean-up)
- Baked goods of any kind

To sign up, please see Pam or Phil Martin. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Ripple meals are held at St. Stephen’s Church, 1421 West Turner Street, Allentown, PA. Off-street parking in the church parking lot is available. We gather at St. Stephen’s at around 2:30 pm.

If anyone wants to carpool from Faith Church, we will meet at the church around 2 pm.

Thank you for supporting this mission with your time, talents, and resources.

### **More from Ripple**

Ripple Church has created an Amazon Wish List highlighting their most urgent needs. If you wish to learn more, or would like to donate, use the link below or scan the QR code. Any items you purchase will be sent directly to Ripple, so there’s no need to worry about delivering your donation yourself.

Clean undergarments are especially needed as many of their clients do not have access to laundry facilities nor a safe place to keep spare clothing. Any donations will be truly appreciated.

Link to Amazon wish list: <https://bit.ly/4t92zRX>



*Seeking*  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
TO HELP ON  
*Sunday Mornings*

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.**



### **Conversations**

Conversations is on summer vacation. They will gather again in September.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



### **Teachers' Closet** **Supporting Educators**

Faith Church’s Teachers’ Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items many would otherwise buy with their own money. Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.


#### Remaining Date:

- **Wednesday, May 20: 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7L>.



Even though the school year is winding down, the need doesn’t stop. Restocking the closet over the summer ensures we’re fully prepared to support teachers when school begins again in the fall.

**the Gospel of John**

**Word on Wednesday**  
**Bible Study**

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!

*WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.*

## Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.  
For the most current information, please visit the church [website](#).



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

### thisweek

#### Sunday, May 17

10:00 am: Worship Service  
11:00 am: Sunday Morning Together wrap-up  
5:00 pm: Youth Group End-of-Year Party

#### Monday, May 18

9:00 am: Summer Newsletter Deadline  
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)  
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)

#### Tuesday, May 19

7:00 am: Primary Voting (FH)  
9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)  
6:00 pm: Deacons Meeting (BR)

#### Wednesday, May 20

7:30 am: Synod of the Trinity Meeting (FH)  
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program  
9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)  
9:30 am: Women of Faith (K)  
Noon: Word on Wednesday  
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet  
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

#### Thursday, May 21

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)  
9:30 am: Women of Faith (K)  
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, May 22: Office Closed

#### Saturday, May 23

### nextweek

#### Sunday, May 24: Pentecost

10:00 am: Worship Service

#### Monday, May 25: Office Closed Memorial Day

7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)

#### Tuesday, May 26

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)

#### Wednesday, May 27

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program  
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)  
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)  
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)

#### Thursday, May 28

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)  
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, May 29: Office Closed

Yard Sale Set-up (FH)

#### Saturday, May 30:

Yard Sale (FH)

**Flyer deadline—May 18**  
**Daybreak—June 8**  
**2026 Per Capita—\$50.00**

## A Look Ahead

June 20-28..... Work Camp  
June 21-25..... Office Admin Vacation  
July 4..... Independence Day  
July 26..... Praise God in Community  
July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference  
July 27-30..... Vacation Bible School  
Sept. 9..... Labor Day (office closed)  
Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume  
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn  
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)

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- Weekly Announcements     Quarterly Newsletter  
 Prayer Chain                 Emergency Alerts

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