



*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*May 16, 2021*  
*Let us worship our*  
*Risen Lord!*

*PRELUDE*

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Today is a new day!*

**New life is rising among us!**

*Today we are challenged to live fully in God's love!*

**So we will greet one another in love, and praise the God who uplifts each of us in grace!**

*OPENING PRAYER*

**Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.**

*HYMN #263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

*PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESSION*

**God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE*

*We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world, we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow in God's forgiveness, hope and love. Remember the good news and say it aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.*

*FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON* John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN*

*HYMN #463* How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”
4. “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”
5. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

*SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON* Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*SERMON* What's Next?

## RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us, we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering for service in and to this world which you have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and bless all those who place their trust in you. Amen.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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; 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.**

### HYMN #269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong., and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, still sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

### BENEDICTION

As people of faith we have gathered for worship and now return to our everyday lives. Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you. Share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### POSTLUDE

## **Sunday May 16 – ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** - Join us today for Last Sunday school classes until September for all ages at 11:30am on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. For one half hour our children will be hearing stories, singing songs, engaging in activities and games about God and God's teachings.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 23 - Pentecost** is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. On Sunday, June 23 we encourage everyone to wear red. The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website



[www.forestgrovechurch.org](http://www.forestgrovechurch.org) for more information and/or go to [vbspro.events/p/dp9219](https://vbspro.events/p/dp9219) to sign up. Share the information with your friends or family with children. You do not need to be a member of FGPC to attend VBS. Or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS July 12 – 16, 2021**

Monday – Friday, 9:00-3:00, kids in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God's creation through different environment and outdoor experiences. Here's a list of just a few learning activities:

- Milking cows at Delaware Valley University
- Day at the shore
- Tubing on the Delaware



Two different days exploring different environment issues will round out the week.

Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office.

- Calendar:**   **May 18** – 8am Municipal Primary Day.  
                  **May 19** - Noon Lunch - Bring a chair and your packed lunch and join us.  
                  **May 19** – 6pm Session and Confirmation Class Dinner  
                  **May 20** - 7pm Property Mtg. Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>  
                  **May 23** – 10am Sunday Worship, Pentecost Sunday

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Doris Elliott, The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Judy Ferguson