



Sunday Worship

May 21, 2023

*Draw near to
our Risen Lord*

** indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

God has made us whole.

God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #267** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF BROKENESS

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:1-11

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #282** Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:6-11

SERMON Footprints

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you pour out your grace upon us without reservation. Help us to be as gracious and generous with our gifts and resources, so others might know your hope, your healing, your presence in their lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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, till 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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS May 21 , 2023

This week's carillon is in memory of Earl and Pinky Hampton. They lived in Forest Grove and were faithful members of the church. Parents of Jim Hampton.

Special Coffee Hour Today: Following services join us in Fellowship Hall for a celebration to all our volunteers giving of their time and talent doing the work of discipleship here at Forest Grove.

Youth Group: We will be meeting at church tonight May 21 at 6:30pm and carpooling to Freddy Hill Farms, Lansdale for Miniature Golf. Cost: \$10 Bring a friend!!!!

Vacation Bible School: Save the date – June 26-30, 9:00 am – Noon at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. Please contact Pastor Su if you can help. We still need an Early Childhood teacher, Nursery Care, Shepherds and teen helpers. **Register your child for VBS here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/62355b>**

Strawberry Festival – Friday June 2 at 6: 00 pm: there will be hot dogs, baked beans, vegetables and of course, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! Weather permitting; we will hold this event outside. It is open to the public so invite your friends! If you would like to help with preparing the berries, please contact Susan in the church office. Cleaning will take place at the church on June 1 at 9:30 but they can also be cleaned at home and brought to the church.

Food Pantry Needs: This week we are asking for the following items: **Single serving snacks for children.** Bring your item(s) to the church. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

New phone service, internet, and phones! - On Thursday 5/25, we received a new phone/internet system at church, installed by Verizon. It is hoped that the new internet will be more stable than our previous service. The new system is also less expensive! There are new phones in the offices of Pastor Su, Susan, and in the kitchen. If you use the phone in the kitchen, you might want to check with Susan about any changes in using the intercom or dialing out of the building.

<u>Calendar:</u>	May 21	10:00 am Worship Service - followed by a Special Coffee Hour 6:30 pm Youth Group – Miniature Golf at Freddy Hill Farms
	May 22	5:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	May 24	12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship
	May 25	6:00 pm Confirmation Dinner followed by Session.

Elder of the month: Bill Wark **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Coffee Host: Christian Education Committee

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray and Joan Curran, Alvin Cornell, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, David Posnett

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer

