



Sunday Worship

May 5, 2024

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***

Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

God has remembered God's faithful ones.

God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

Rejoice, for God is truly with us.

****OPENING PRAYER***

God of marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend, and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

****HYMN #240*** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. 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 Acts 10:44-48

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #465*** What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

SERMON You've Got a Friend

****STATEMENT OF FAITH*** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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***

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign of your joyous work of love. Use them to call and welcome into your house of love all who are *your* friends and *our* brothers and sisters. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (please hold the bread and then the cup until we all commune together showing our unity in Christ)

UNISON PRAYER

Christ, to this table we have come. At this table we've been fed. Because of this table we have been made whole. From this table we will sing your glory as Easter people, giving thanks for your saving love. Amen.

***HYMN #724** O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, May 5, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory Ralph Martin. Ralph was the husband of Janet Martin and father of Peggy Martin Danilowicz and he was a faithful member of the church.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Tonight, May 5th, 6:30pm.

BECOME PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Following worship a new member class will be held in the sanctuary for all those who are interested in joining Forest Grove Presbyterian Church congregation.

TODAY IS APPORTIONMENT SUNDAY: Forest Grove Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church USA denomination. We are a connectional church which means that we are one body—not because we find one another agreeable or each other's views congenial, but because God in grace and mercy has called us together. Our unity does not lie in us. Our unity is Jesus Christ. Together, we are stronger and more able than we are individually. To that end, we support the work of the whole denomination through our apportionment giving. Each active member of the congregation is assessed a dollar amount that is then given to the higher governing bodies – Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to fund their ongoing work. This assessment is \$32/per member. We ask each member to give their fair share, if able. This is over and above pledges. Whatever amount we do not receive from individuals is then taken out of our operating budget. If you are able, please give in next Sunday's offering or through the church website or by check in the mail.

CHURCH CLEAN UP: Saturday May 11 beginning at 9am. Sign-up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON – All ARE INVITED INCLUDING GUESTS AND MEN: In honor of “mothers,” please join us Wednesday, May 8 at 12noon for a special lunch. Sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Participants are invited to bring a side dish. In honor of “Moms,” all are asked to wear or bring something that is a reminder of that special person who was “Mom” or like a Mom. Be prepared to share a story about the item or “style” you bring with you.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Cleaning products such as: Liquid Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Counter top cleaner and bath soap. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

May 5	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship
	11:00 am	New member class
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Youth Group
May 6	11:00 am	Parish Life and Mission Meeting
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
May 8	12:00 pm	MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON
	6:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
May 11	9:00 am	CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Elder of the month: Janice Propsner **Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz
Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz **Fellowship:** Bob and Janice Propsner
Communion Servers: Gerry Stemplewicz, Janice and Bob Propsner

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright, Shannon Foster



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