



## JUNE 21, 2026, FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Touched by an Angel

We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy  
temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.

-Maya Angelou

## THE GATHERING

*Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here—with whatever joys, questions, or tears you bring today—as we worship God, who welcomes us all! You are invited to listen for God's Spirit speaking to you through the music of the Prelude as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Bold type indicates congregational response.*

*Where there is an asterisk, we are invited to stand together in God's Spirit.*

**PRELUDE**                                      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need                                      Dale Wood

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God.

**\*DOXOLOGY 607**      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow                                      Old Hundredth  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise Christ, all creatures here below;**  
**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

### \*OPENING RESPONSES

We gather to worship the God who calls us to do justice.

**God, here we are! All glory belongs to you.**

We gather to worship the God who calls us to cherish kindness.

**God, here we are! From you all good things come.**

We gather to worship the Triune God who calls us to journey humbly side-by-side with them.

**God, here we are! Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.**

**\*HYMN**                                      Shouting God's Praise                                      bulletin pg.6

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.**

*Prayer continues in silence.*

**KYRIE 577**

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie Eleison

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE**

Friends, there is a kindness in God's justice that hears out our confessions and liberates us to move forward, to build a new and better world. God's Word forgives and redeems us. God's Breath revitalizes us for the journey.

**We belong to God! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ!**

Emboldened by this good news, let us share God's love with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please stand and take a moment to share Christ's peace with others.*

**\*GLORIA 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

### **MOMENT WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS AND BLESSING**

*All children are invited to join us at the front of the sanctuary.*

Children: You are loved!

Congregation: **You are loved!**

*Infants & children through age 3 are invited to our nursery, Room 211.*

*All children are invited to remain in worship. There is no Sunday School today.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**



**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Variations on a Classical Theme

Frederic Chopin

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 701** Lord, Prepare Me (sung twice)

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, all that we have comes from your hand. You bless us not so we can cling tightly, but so we can live freely and faithfully. Receive these gifts and our whole selves. Use what we offer, our money, our time, our compassion, our courage, to bring good news to the poor, comfort to those who mourn, and justice that looks like mercy in action. Teach us to walk humbly, love deeply, and give generously. We offer all this in gratitude and hope. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Our Father  
in heaven,  
holy is your name.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us  
from evil.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth  
as in heaven.

For the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory are yours, forever.  
For ever,  
and ever.

Give us today  
our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us,

Our Father  
in heaven,  
holy is your name.

**\*HYMN 773**

Heaven Shall Not Wait

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Woodlands

J. Wayne Kerr

**"Shouting God's Praise" (v 1,2) by William Colbert**



1.O God, my heart with love in - flame that  
2.O Je - sus, hope of glo - ry, come and

I make my heart Thy ho - ly Name, a -  
Thy hum - ble home; for

loud the in short songs of praise re - joi - ce while  
the short rem - nant of my days, I

I want have to breath sing to and raise shout my voice. Then  
want to sing and shout Thy praise. I

I want will shout! pray Then I - will sing! And  
want to pray and nev - er cease, and

make the heav'n - ly ar - ches ring! I'll  
live re - joic - ing in Thy peace and

sing to and shout thanks for - e - - ver - more on  
to give thanks in ev - - 'ry - thing, and

that sing e - ter - nal and hap - py shore.  
sing and shout, and shout and sing!

‡MUSIC MINUTE: Throughout the pages of Scripture, we find references to many species of bird: eagles, ravens, doves of course. Some biblical translations even describe a pelican in Psalm 102. In this morning’s Gospel passage, Jesus himself mentions sparrows, reminding us they are all known to the Father, and that we are worth “more than many” of these gentle, musical creatures. Today’s choral anthem includes a bit of transcribed birdsong of the North American Song Sparrow, played on the flute. What kind of birdsong do you hear each morning? Have you tried to recreate any bird calls with your own voice, or an instrument?

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Worship Leaders**

Meredith Alspach  
Rev. Chrissy Westbury

### **Reader**

Mari Wielopolski

### **Acolyte**

Deb Bender

### **Music**

Summer Choir  
Grace DeBoer, flute  
Autumn, organist  
Michael Montgomery,  
director

### **Sound & Video Team**

Kurt Grossman  
Chris Honeysett

### **Greeters**

Nancy Johnson (Lovell)  
Dean & Kim Van Loo  
(South)

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## **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by David and Ginny Dell in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today! (6/21/1986 - 6/21/2026)



## DEACON'S PRAYERS

As a community of faith, we can always provide one another with the gift of intentional prayer. This week, we lift in prayer LANA GRIFFIN and the parish group listed below, that they may feel God's presence.

If you're in this group, stop by the Gathering Place after worship to say hello to your deacon. Next week, we will pray for another Deacon and parish group.

Carol Barratt-Schmiege	Kari Crook	Grace Kande	Phyllis Music
Kay Burtis	Ted Crook	Andrew Lenderink	Chuck Schmiege
Mervin Burtis	Barbara Graham-Palmer	Annie Leong	Colleen Sherrill
Scott Carter	Allison Hammond	Ruth Michelhaugh	Michael Sherrill
Anne Louise Coryell	Mike Hammond	Paul Minert	Jacqueline Steffey
Richard Coryell	Karen Jarrad	Ruth Minert	James Steffey
	Pete Jarrad	Jim Mulcrone	Oliver Taku
		Renee Mulcrone	

## Children & Youth

### Nursery

The nursery is open each Sunday, starting fifteen minutes before worship, for children age 3 and under (Room 211). Parents will be given a pager in the event they need to be reached during worship. Please pick your child up immediately following worship.

### Sunday School

Classes for PreK—5th grade students will resume in September.

### Youth Group & T.A.G.

These groups for all middle and high school students will kick off in the fall. Stay tuned!

### VBS Day Camp is coming!

Rising K-6th graders are invited to **spend August 10-13 with Meredith** (daily from 8:30am - 4:30pm). Thanks to the generous support of this church, this camp is *no cost for attendees*. **Space is limited. Registration is required.** To sign up, use this link or find it on our website.



If you have trouble registering, please call the Guest Services Team at 989-883-2501 to complete the process.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

### **Noodling at Noon with Meredith**

Tuesday we will conclude our discussion of *If God Is Love, Don't Be A Jerk: Finding Faith that Makes Us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz. If you'd like more information, please contact [mereditha@fpckzoo.org](mailto:mereditha@fpckzoo.org)

### **Tuesday Morning Men's Fellowship**

Join us weekly at Panera Bread on West Main at 7:30 a.m. New faces are always welcome!

### **Thoughtful Readers**

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 22, discussing *The Weight of Ink*, by Rachel Kadish. All are welcome to join this book club at 7 p.m. in Room 300.

### **WBS Summer Plans**

Ruth Minert is hosting Women's Bible Study at her home on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. this Summer.



*From Just Sanctuary:*

“You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world.” *Angela Davis*

## **Announcements**

### **Ushers Needed for Sue Theilman Memorial Service**

This memorial service is on Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please arrive by 12:15 PM to help welcome guests, hand out bulletins, assist with seating, and direct people before and after the service. If you are available, please contact *kellys@fpckzoo.org*.

### **Love Music? Try Summer Choir!**

**Sundays at 9am in the Choir Room**, this pick-up group prepares simple anthems for worship each week. No sign-up, No weeknight rehearsal, no long-term commitment, and no previous experience needed. Everyone middle school-age and up is welcome. For more information, contact Michael Montgomery: *michaelm@fpckzoo.org*

### **CTV: Red Door Dinner**

Help host a weekly Wednesday Red Door Dinner with friends, family, or a small group! We'll provide recipes, kitchen guidance, and dishwashing help. Sign up on the calendar outside Meredith's office.

### **Hearing Assistance**

FPC's Sanctuary equipped with a Hearing Loop system. Use your T-coil-enabled hearing aids or visit the sound booth to borrow headphones that link to the loop.

### **Noisy Coins**

Thank you for bringing your loose change for the offering. All loose coins go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund which exists to help church members with emergency needs.

### **Koinonia at Pine Island Chapel**

*Koinonia* means "fellowship." Join us this Sunday at 5:00 at Pine Island Chapel for Faith, Fellowship, and Food. Homemade summer vegetable soup and rolls will be provided; bring a dish to pass if you'd like. Praise and Prayer will follow from 6:00–6:30.

This is a family-friendly event. Questions? Email *pat.stromsta@gmail.com*.

### **Same Bulletin, New Look**

You may notice the bulletin has a new look as we are preparing for a necessary software change. We're learning as we go, so please bear with us! If something is especially helpful—or confusing—let us know. Your feedback will help us make the bulletin better for everyone.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Cards on Display**, Gathering Place  
9:00 a.m. **Summer Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Room  
9:45 a.m. **Child Care/Nursery**, #211  
10:00 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Recovery Institute (R.I.)**, Dining Rm/#308  
12:00 p.m. **AA**, #300  
12:00 p.m. **Walking Group**, Lovell Entrance  
7:00 p.m. **Thoughtful Readers**, #300  
7:00 p.m. **Scouts**, Dining Room

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R.I.**, Dining Rm/#308  
11:00 a.m. **Staff Meeting**, Archives  
12:00 p.m. **Noodling at Noon**, Library

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Taking Root**, Library  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R.I.**, Dining/#308  
12:00 p.m. **Prayer Service**, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. **CTV: Red Door Dinner**  
6:30 p.m. **Session Meeting**, #306

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R.I.**, Dining/#308  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Library Work**  
12:00 p.m. **AA**, #300  
4:30 p.m. **Food Addicts**, #314/315

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **R.I.**, Dining/#308

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 1:00 p.m. **Memorial & Reception - Sue Thielman**, Sanctuary & Gathering Place

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 a.m. **Summer Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Room  
9:45 a.m. **Child Care/Nursery**, #211  
10:00 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. **Koinonia**, Pine Island Chapel (8882 W Q Ave)

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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Sandy Sinotte, Deb Weurding

**Custodians:** Logan McCafferty, Randy Randt    **Library:** library@fpckzoo.org

**Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship Services**

**June 28**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:15-23

**July 12**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hakken Candido  
Psalm 119:105-112; Matthew 13:1-9

**July 5 (Communion)**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Zechariah 9:9-12; Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30

**July 19**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Rev. Chrissy Westbury  
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 86:11-17

*Grounded in living faith, receiving diversity as a gift, we seek to reflect Christ's light in God's world.  
Continually discerning God's vision of grace and peace, we share inspirational worship, spiritual  
nurture, compassionate service to others, and the pursuit of justice... all to the glory of God.*

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

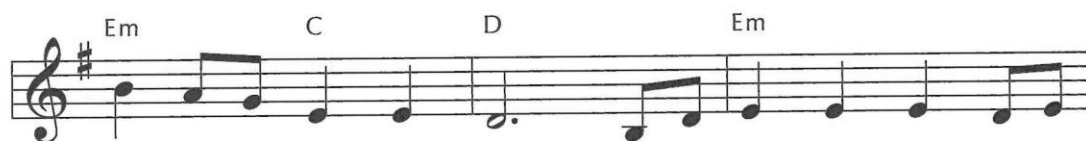


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

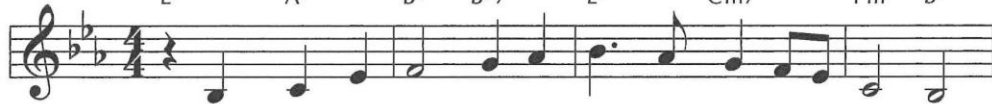


dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# Heaven Shall Not Wait

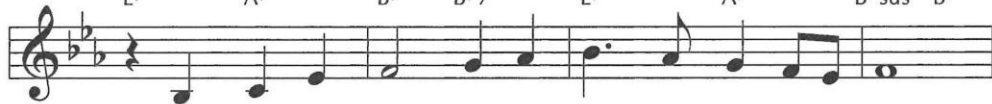
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Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,  
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,  
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,  
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um-phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb



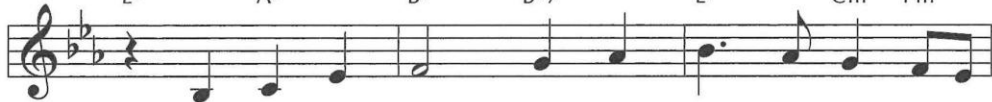
the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:  
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:  
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di-vorced from cries of pain:  
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)  
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 Eb Fm7 Bb



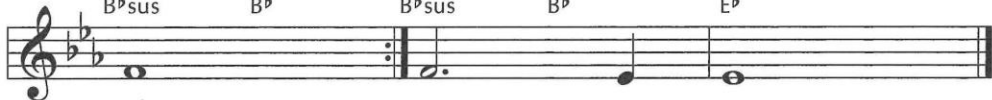
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;  
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:  
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;  
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)  
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly  
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they  
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose  
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3	4
(Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)	
Bbsus Bb Bbsus Bb Eb	



end. ev - er - more.  
 feast.  
 plain.

