

First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Indiana, is called to embody God's love, made known in Jesus Christ, in life-giving ways, and to engage with God in transforming lives, communities, and institutions to reflect God's goodness.

As a community of open-hearted disciples, we covenant to support and encourage one another as we explore God's grace on our journey of faith.

Convinced of God's Grace and Love, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the worship of Christ.

We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, ability, or socio-economic standing. We encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.



Welcome to Worship

We are grateful for your presence and welcome you to participate in all First Pres has to offer!

New here? If you are seated in the sanctuary, you'll see orange and yellow papers nearby. If you have joys or prayer concerns to share with the congregation during today's service, please fill out an orange prayer card. Ushers collect the orange cards when we share the Peace of Christ. The yellow slips of paper are to let us know you are here. We hope everyone will fill out their name(s) and any information you'd like us to have. Please place these in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

Children are always welcome in worship with their people! Childcare for pre-kindergarten and younger is available in room 109 in the education wing. Carts with books and activities for all ages are available outside the door at the front and at the rear of the room, where there is also a PrayGround for children and their adults.

Please note: our worship services are live streamed and available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information please visit fpcevv.com.

Following worship, you are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation in the parlor.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

*YOU MAY RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES ARE PRINTED IN BOLD>.

PRELUDE

"Pièce en Ut Majeur" (Op. 157)

Mélanie Bonis

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

...What does that mean? *(repeat as prompted by the liturgist)*

Let us worship God.

*HYMN

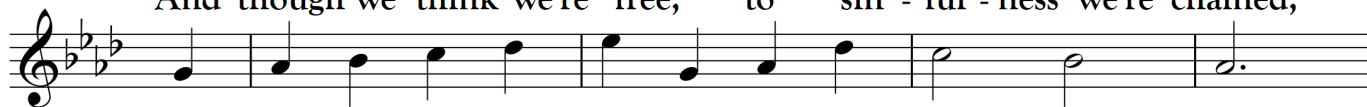
"Proclaim to All the Earth"

Leoni; Jewish melody

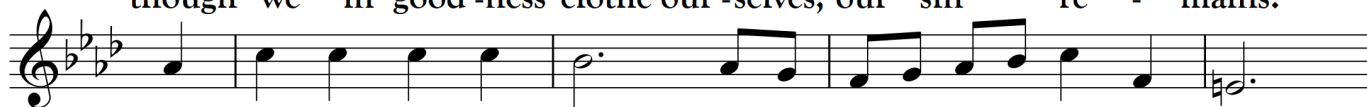
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Pro - claim to all the earth, that God a - lone is Lord.
From Eg - ypt's de - sert lands, where cit - ies rose from sand,
To Si - nai's ho - ly hill, with trum - pet blast and smoke,
And though we think we're free, to sin - ful - ness we're chained,



Let God a - lone be wor - shiped now and ev - er - more.
God led the slaves of Is - ra - el with might - y hand.
the Lord came down in pow'r and then to Mo - ses spoke:
though we in good - ness clothe our - selves, our sin re - mains.



There are no oth - er gods, no oth - er source of peace,
And when they reached the sea, God's pow'r was man - i - fest,
"I am the Lord, your God, you shall have no gods but me,
O Lord, you are our God, our faith - less - ness for - give,



the Lord is God and God a - lone, God's praise in - crease.
the peo - ple walked up - on dry land, and so were blessed.
'twas I who brought you to this place from sla - ver - y."
You are our God, our God a - lone, for You we live.

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***OPENING PRAYER**

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

You have told us, O God, that you want us to trust and obey you
like Abraham and Sarah did. But sometimes we do not.
You have told us, O God, that you want us to be hopeful and faithful
like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak. But sometimes we are not.
Forgive us. Thank you for loving us even though we are not perfect.
And help us to do better, O God, starting right now.

- confession continues -

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

...who forgives us and loves us forever. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS . . . no. 3, vs. 2**

Raquel; Skinner Chávez-Melo

"Womb of Life and Source of Being"

Ruth Duck

**Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.**

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
Let us share the Peace of Christ!

There are many ways to share signs of peace with one another. You may cross your hands across your chest or hold your hands together in front of you if you'd rather not shake hands or hug. Please ask before assuming that the person you are greeting wants a hug or handshake. Smiles are always appropriate as we share signs of peace.

- USHERS WILL COLLECT THE ORANGE PRAYER CARDS DURING THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST. -

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Christ, break open our silence, speak peace to our fear,
and help us trust your good news. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as [Jesus] sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to [Jesus'] disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, [Jesus] said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and the woman was made well from that moment.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, [Jesus] said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, [Jesus] went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the Word of new life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Minuet and Variations” from *Sonata No. 5*

Antonio Soler

THE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unfathomable

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*HYMN

“From Deep Winter Cold”

Hanover
Kevin Scott Fleming

From deep win - ter cold and long win - ter nights, the
The earth comes to life! The sun pours its light! The
And just as the world its new life re - ceives, a
So, wel - come the gift and wel - come the spring! Let
spring - time has come, new life to in - vite. With
snow melts a - way! Cold's gloom put to flight! From
new life now comes to all who be - lieve. A
songs now a - rise! Let steep - le bells ring! Pro -
flow - ers and buds the cold earth now a - wakes, with
God's end - less pal - lette bright col - ors de - ploy; their
life filled with joy and with hope now has come, a
claim to the world that a new day has dawned, and
bird songs as her - alds, the long cold now breaks.
ad - vent we wel - come with hearts filled with joy!
gift of our God who de - nies it to none.
wel - come God's love that puts right ev - 'ry wrong.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...our Creator, Christ, and Comforter, we pray. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

CALL TO GIVING

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcev.com/giving, or text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

"Variations" from *Concerto No. 5*

Antonio Soler

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . no. 609

Lasst uns erfreuen; Geistliche Kirchengesäng

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Brian Wren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

'PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with You.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- prayer continues -

...Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

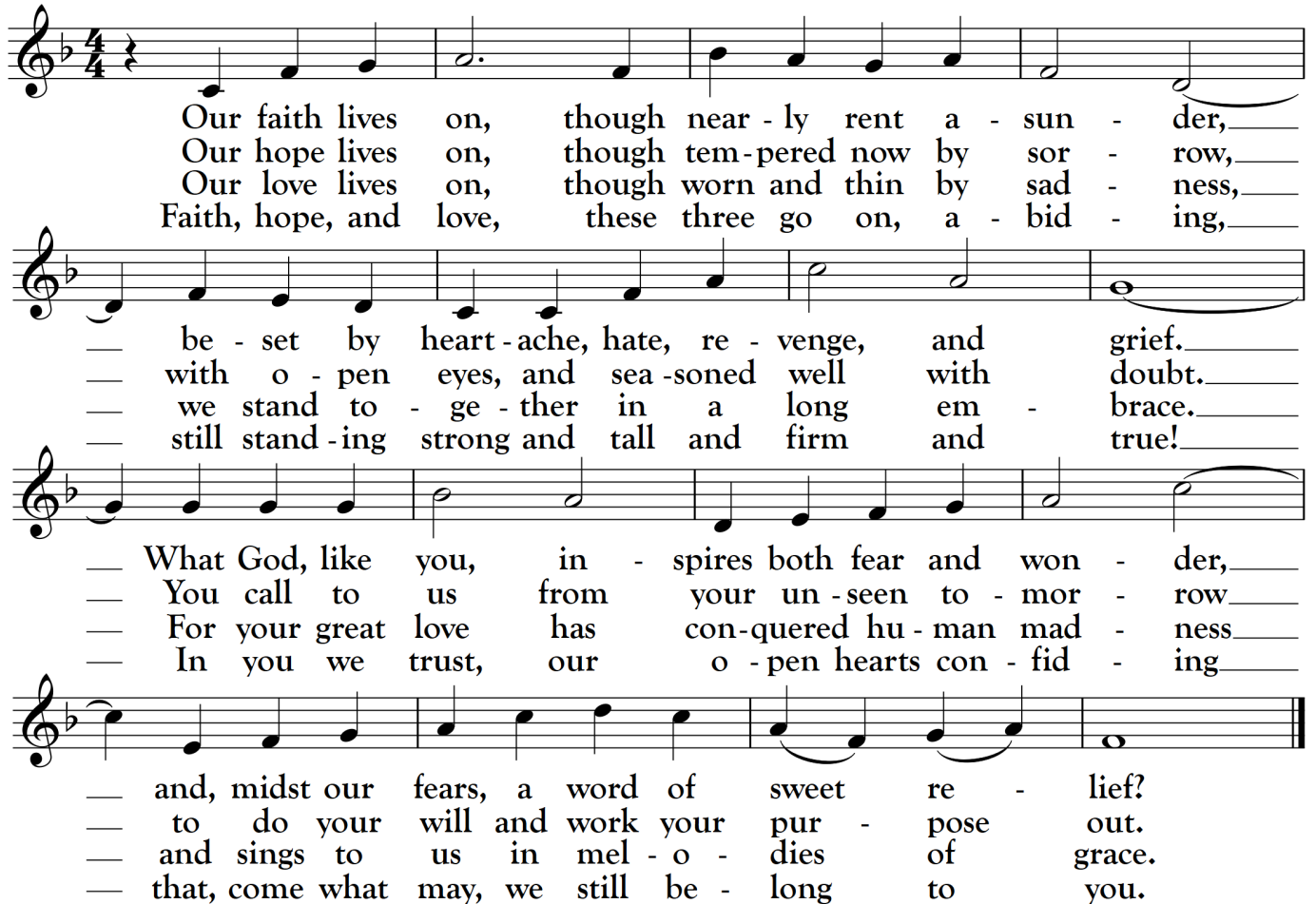
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN

Charterhouse; David Evans
Paul Janssen

“Our Faith Lives On”



Our faith lives on, though near - ly rent a - sun - der,
Our hope lives on, though tem - pered now by sor - row,
Our love lives on, though worn and thin by sad - ness,
Faith, hope, and love, these three go on, a - bid - ing,
— be - set by heart - ache, hate, re - venge, and grief.
— with o - pen eyes, and sea - soned well with doubt.
— we stand to - ge - ther in a long em - brace.
— still stand - ing strong and tall and firm and true!
— What God, like you, in - spires both fear and won - der,
— You call to us from your un - seen to - mor - row
— For your great love has con - quered hu - man mad - ness
— In you we trust, our o - pen hearts con - fid - ing
— and, midst our fears, a word of sweet re - lief?
— to do your will and work your pur - pose out.
— and sings to us in mel - o - dies of grace.
— that, come what may, we still be - long to you.

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INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

...and the song of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia!

...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Ode to Joy*



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Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	Murray McCandless
Liturgist	Becky Sparks-Thissen
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Organist	Neal Biggers
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

We thank First Pres' own Murray McCandless for preaching today. Rev. MB McCandless and Rev. Jerusha Van Camp are with our youth on a retreat in Louisville, KY. They will return to the office on Wednesday.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

In honor of all parent figures, from mothers to fathers and all other caring folks, you are invited to **donate diapers and wipes** (or funds) for **Little Lambs** between Mother's Day, May 10, and Father's Day, June 21. See [Connect](#) or [First Reports](#) for examples of store brand diapers and wipes, and bring your donations to the lobby the next time you come to church! Thank you!

Singing Resistance Evansville gathers in the First Pres Sanctuary Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through tonight. All are welcome to come and learn songs of resistance and peace in a relaxed setting in preparation for participation in a **Flag Day walk** down Main Street on Sunday, June 14. For more information, please contact Rev. MB.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 7

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
We Make the Road
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 7:00 p.m. *Singing Resistance Evansville*

Monday, June 8

- 10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS
- 6:30 p.m. Book Group

Tuesday, June 9

Wednesday, June 10

- 12:00 p.m. We Make the Road
- 7:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Thursday, June 11

- 11:30 a.m. Communications Team

Friday, June 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 13