



THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND
EVERYTHING IN IT IS THE LORD OF HEAVEN
AND EARTH AND DOES NOT LIVE IN TEMPLES BUILT
BY HUMAN HANDS.

Acts 17:24

*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 10, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS: The assurance or reason that one can trust that justice is God's goal is evidenced by how God responded to Jesus the Just One, who was executed unjustly. God raised him from the dead. The Unknown God made Godself a bit more known through favoring fairness over physics. ~ Rev. Jeremy L. Williams, PhD.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

GATHERING SONG #411 *God Is Here Today*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jon Kreple

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,

All: **we need only to look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

All: **we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.
Let us worship with joy and gratitude!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** *For All the Children* (Bulletin/Slides)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy Advocate,
We admit that we are surrounded
by a variety of gods who demand our worship.
We can all too easily believe that work is our life,
that wealth is the reason for our being,
and that success is the very air we breathe.

**All: Forgive us, God of mercy.
You are the Word that can transform our very lives.
You are the One who calls us to life,
Through Jesus, our companion and savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Despite everything we do, God loves us.
This grace is why we can dare to hope.

**All: We will witness to this hope in every word we
speak to every person we meet.
Thanks be to God, who forgives us and sets us free. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come, Little Children

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 17: 22 – 31

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

1 Peter 3: 13 – 18

One: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

All: thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Nearness of God

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: This I truly believe.

I believe in Jesus, human and holy.

I believe in the ever-present Spirit.

I believe in God whose love transforms all things.

As we continually to reflect on the Christian life,

let us affirm together our confidence in God's presence and promises:

Though false teachers come seeking to fool the vulnerable,

All: God's truth remains sure.

One: Though temples crumble and churches wither,

All: God's gospel remains sure.

One: Though earthquakes strike, wars rage and diseases ravage,

All: God's purpose remains sure.

One: Though good people suffer injustice and persecution,

All: God's love remains sure.

One: Though saints go to prison or face execution,

All: God's life remains sure.

We believe and trust in God,

in whom we live and move and have our being.

This we truly believe. Amen!

*HYMN

As We Live and Have our Being

(Bulletin/Slides)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

- Thanking Bob Knittel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: May these gifts, God, become action and intention,
fulfilling Christ's commandment to love all creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God of compassion, you deliver the needy when they call.
Hear now our prayers for your people and your creation.

For all who seek the brightness of your love,
Whether they share our religious tradition or not,

All: May they lift their eyes, see that love, and rejoice.

One: For all who look for the dawn of justice,

All: May they find your deliverance close at hand.

One: For all who gaze unflinchingly

Into the night sky of our humanity-
Illness and disease, violence and oppression-
Hoping to see the first star of healing and wholeness,

All: May they glimpse your coming redemption.

One: For your creation,

Which waits with eager longing for your revelation,
For freedom from its bondage to decay,

All: May your radiance water the earth like a spring shower.

One: God, in these days
May righteousness flourish and peace abound,
As long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.

All: Amen.

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**All: 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** *You Are Love* (Bulletin/Slides)

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *You are Love* (Chorus)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Jon Kreple

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Screens & Streaming Survey // Over the past year, we've been learning how to use our new screens and streaming technology as tools for worship. Our hope is that they support participation, deepen engagement, and help us share worship more fully with those joining online. As with any new tool, we're still learning together. Your feedback will help us understand what has been meaningful, what may have felt distracting and how we can use this technology in ways that best support our shared worship life. Thank you for helping us grow in this together.

Follow the QR code to take the survey, or find a paper copy outside the office.

Mental Health Awareness // May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Please visit the display in the M & M Cafe and Mental Health Month 2026 | Mental Health America for many excellent resources. Pick up a green ribbon to wear in recognition of Mental Health Awareness! We will dedicate Sunday, May 31 to this vital conversation, and look forward to hearing from Christin McFadyen, a mental health professional.

Celebrating Our Graduates // If you have a student graduating this spring and would like to celebrate that accomplishment with the church family, please let us know by emailing paul@fpcholland.org.

Gilmore Car Museum Visit! // Once again the First Presbyterian Men's Group is sponsoring a visit to the Gilmore Car Museum on **Wednesday, May 13th**. The feature display this year will be GM Motorama Marvels from the Joe Bortz Collection!

We'll meet at church at 8:00am and take the church bus to the museum (Thank you Jon Kreple!). Should be back to the church around 5:00pm. Admission for the day is \$20. Also bring money for lunch and \$10 for gas for the bus. This is open to anyone interested who wants to go, not just the Men's Group. There are 3 motorized carts available to rent for \$30 (first come first serve) and 4 wheelchairs for those needing assistance.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Bob Gansen at (269)753-7024 or robert.s.gansen@charter.net.

Men's Book Group // Our next meeting is Monday, May 11 at 2:30pm discussing, *The Women* by Kristen Hannah. After this meeting we will take a break for the summer and resume in September.

The first two books following summer break are:

September 14 – *The Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough

October 12 – *Chicago's Great Fire* by Carl Smith

All meetings are held at FPC. Contact Don Cowie with questions.

Habitat for Humanity // The next Habitat for Humanity workday is May 14. Work dates often fill up quickly. Future work dates include June 3, July 16 and August 13. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Women's Book Club // Please note due to Mother's Day, our group will meet May 17 from 1-2pm in the M&M Cafe discussing the book, *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki.

Crop Hunger Walk // May 17 walking from 1-3pm beginning at Centennial Park in Holland. Over the past 47 years Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walks have raised 4 ½ million dollars to support "the least of these." Walking next Sunday, May 17 between 1:00 and 3:00 helps us continue that tradition. When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you can raise money to alleviate hunger, and also show your neighbors you care about those who walk for their food, water, or firewood every day. Find out more or register online at: www.hollandhunger.org or cwsglobal.com

Active Response to ICE Training // Todos Bienvenidos (means everyone is welcome) is hosting, Active Response to ICE training on June 2, 6-8pm. During the session, participants will learn how to effectively respond to ICE operations, and ways to support families impacted before, during, and after ICE encounters. Upon registration, the location for training will be provided. Use the QR code to register.



This event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Please contact Janet Hostetler with any questions, janethostetler@gmail.com or 740-704-4822

Save the Date // As you start making summer plans, consider joining us at Mystery Creek Campground for our paddle weekend, July 10-12. Come and camp or come for just the day - paddle or just hang out with us. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors growing friendships and having fun! Stay tuned for more details.



Summer is just around the corner! As you are planning your summer, make sure to **save the week of June 22-26** for Wild Wonder Camp at FPC! Wild Wonder Camp will be held June 22-26 from 9-11:45 each day. We welcome campers k-6th grade (entering in the fall) and teen helpers from 7-12th grade.

Wild Wonder Camp is totally free!

Follow the QR Code register.

We are looking forward to another great week where we learn how to care for creation! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!




God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
E B7 C#m E7 A



God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)
B7 E E7 A



as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)
B7 E B/D# C#m E/B



as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) (A7) (D)
A B7 E



cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

For All the Children



1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide, can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will
that they nev - er have a rea - son to doubt that they are
May the mess - age now be ban - ished that Your love is for the
As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they join us hand in



be, when your chil - dren will be free.
blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.
few, may their faith in You re - new.
hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

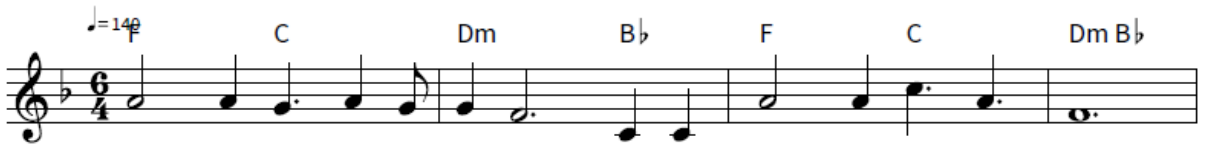


long. May that wel - come be our song.

You Are Love

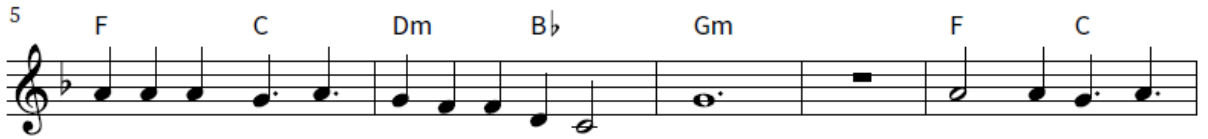
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C Dm B \flat F C Dm B \flat



God, You are the cre - a - tor of the earth, the sky, the sun.

5 F C Dm B \flat Gm F C



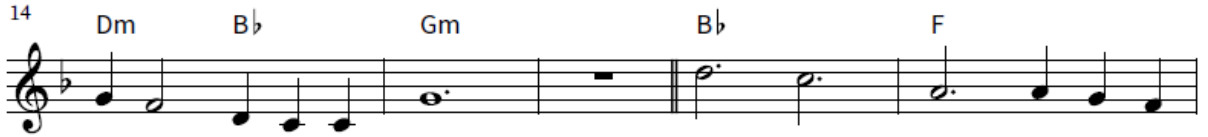
All of your names are ho - ly on ev - ery tongue. God, you are the

10 Dm B \flat F C Dm B \flat F C



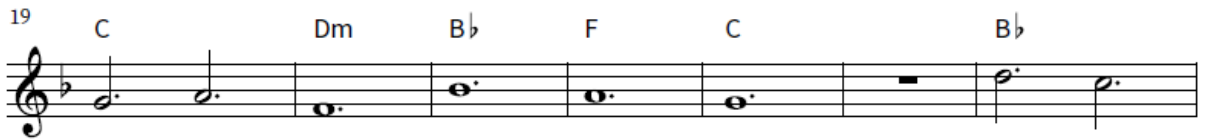
mid-wife; Bring - ing life out of pain. Com - for - ting those who are

14 Dm B \flat Gm B \flat F



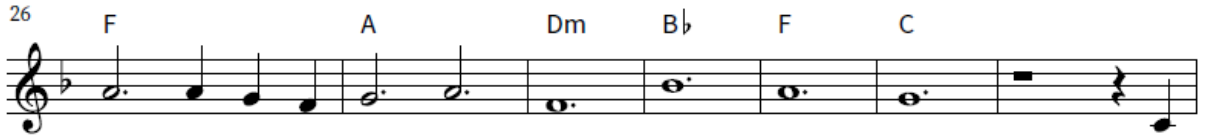
suf - ring cov' - ring our shame. You are grace, that's why we're

19 C Dm B \flat F C B \flat



grate - - ful You are love. You are

26 F A Dm B \flat F C



hope that's why we're hope - - ful. You are love. So

33 F C Dm B \flat F C Dm B \flat



guide our hands to the gar - den to cher - ish the earth and the seed. There's

You Are Love

37 F C Dm B \flat Gm 2



plen - ty of fruit in Your har - vest for ev - ery need. We'll

41 F C Dm B \flat F C Dm B \flat



swim in your ri - vers of jus - tice Though the cur - rent is might - y and strong You're

45 F C Dm B \flat Gm



break - ing the chains of in - just - ice and we're com - ing a - long.

49 B \flat F C Dm B \flat F C



You are grace, that's why we're grate - ful You are love.

56 B \flat F A



You are hope that's why we're hope - - -

60 Dm B \flat F C



ful. You are love.

As We Live and Have Our Being

Helen Wiltshire



As we live and
As we grow and
As we move and
We will live and
We are moved and



have our be - ing we will dwell in sac - red - ness;
seek for wis - dom, we will look with inn - er sight;
act for jus - tice, we will walk com - pas - sion's way,
move and off - er all this life our dreams have caught,
called to be - ing by a love that knows no bounds;



we will dare to seek for mean - ing; we will share life's
when all life is seen as beau - ty, we will live with
speak with cla - ri - ty and cou - rage, liv - ing out the
shar - ing vis - ions of a fut - ure, far be - yond the
we dis - cov - er in our sha - ring life and love and



joy - ful - ness
deep de - light.
words we say.
reach of thought.
joy pro - found.

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Tim Staal

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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