



**Faith United
Presbyterian
Church**
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



7th Sunday
of Easter
May 16, 2021

*Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one, as we are one. John 17:11b*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those whose delight is in the ways of the Lord.

People: **Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.**

Leader: Blessed are those nourished by the Living Water.

People: **Together we worship the One who enables us to thrive.**

OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

GTG 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ has interceded for us with the joy of grace. Trusting in this grace with humility and honesty, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us O God of mercy, when we have treated others as though they are just a nuisance, when we have been annoyed with others' behaviors, choices and words, when we have allowed fear and anger to reign unchecked. Forgive us, O God of love, when we have retreated and separated ourselves because of indifference or resentment, when we have neglected to listen, when we have been quick to judge. Meet us here today with the grace that forgives and heals, and produces the fruits of compassion and kindness, reconciliation and understanding, peace and justice, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God's love manifest in Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, sets us free from sin, guilt, shame, and even, death, to bear the fruit of love.

We are free indeed to live in complete joy in the Spirit!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

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.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

And the Father Will Dance

Katia Dinas, accompanist

Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:9-13

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

SERMON

"A Prayer for Us"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.14-15

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is Christ also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Christ befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GTG 451

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

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

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

May our lives be planted near you, O God of life, that we would send our roots deep into your word and your life, that we would draw nourishment from you, and that the life you give we would in turn provide shelter, comfort, love and blessing to whoever comes under our branches, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

GTG 761

BEECHER

CHARGE

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like the **Garage Project** and **Special Offerings** throughout the year. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth, and young adults.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our church to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. In prior years we have supported Presbyterian Children's Home and Services. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Usually, we are able to place special Pentecost Offering envelopes in the sanctuary to remind us about the offering. This year you are asked to send your gift directly to the church. Please mark your check Pentecost Offering.



In-Person Worship returns May 23! The Session has approved a plan which will allow those who are ready to worship in-person to do so safely with reasonable protocols related to COVID. Masks and social distancing will be required while inside the building. Follow the link below to read all of the protocols. The service will be live-streamed via the church's Facebook page for those who are not able to attend, or who are not yet ready to return to in-person worship. The service will be geared towards both the persons worshipping on-line and in-person.

http://www.faithunited-pc.com/home/180009199/180009199/docs/04-2021-RECOMMENDATION%20REOPEN.pdf?sec_id=180009199

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, accompanist

Soprano

Caroline Busselberg
Shanae Kemp
Mary Marxer
Natasha Wroblewski

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer

Tenor

Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth
Brian Hotchkiss
Rich Lewis
Malcolm Payne
Zachary Rohwer

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Roger Jones
Dennis Van Deventer	Mike Jones
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)	
Homebound/Rehab: Freddie Simmons	

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

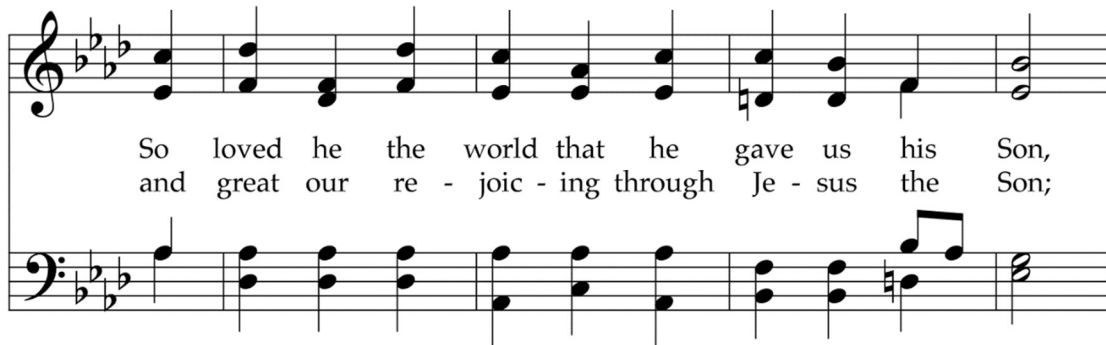
Ken@FaithUnited-pc.com or Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

OPENING Hymn

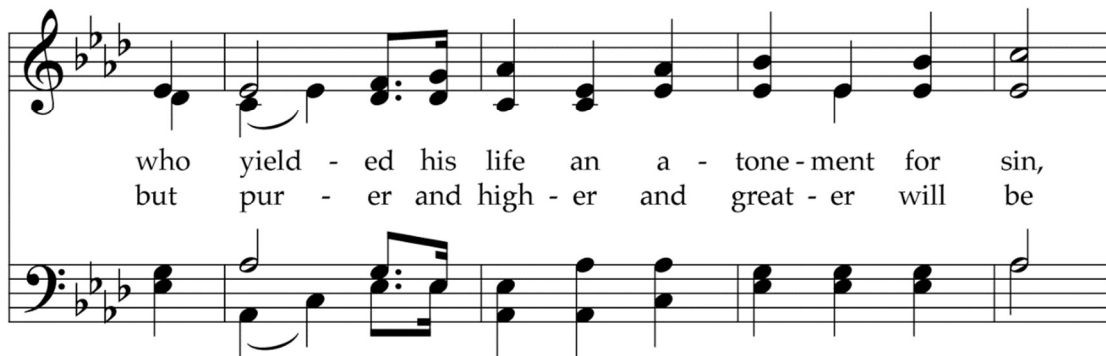
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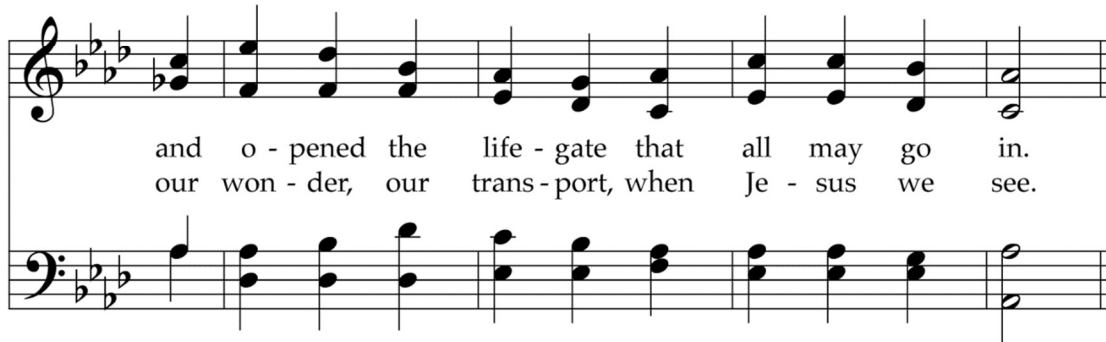
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

OPENING Hymn – Cont.

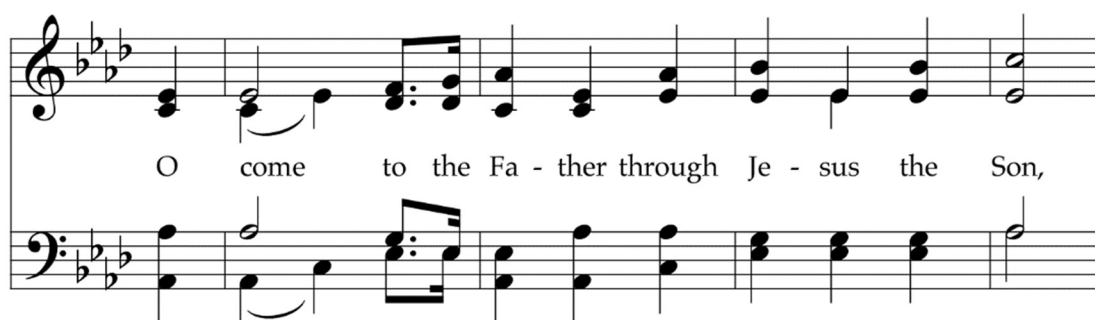
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!



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HYMN of MEDITATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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HYMN of DEDICATION

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.