



**Faith United
Presbyterian
Church**
in Farmers Branch



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

*He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the
Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the
Holy Spirit has come upon you; ..." Acts 1:7-8a*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 68)

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before the God; let them be jubilant with joy.

People: Awesome is God; God gives power and strength to his people

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to God who rides upon the clouds.

People: Blessed be God!

OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God (all verses)

GTG 612

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Children of God, sisters and brothers in Christ, God not only desires our repentance; but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the creator of all humankind, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different; forgive us for the times we have created division; forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints; forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves. O God who loves, may we see in your Oneness our need for unity; may we see in your Three-ness our need for community; may we see in your creativity our need for diversity; may we see in your Self our need to love each other, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you.

Be at peace in the One who forgives and love you.

May we rise up in the Spirit to give

God thanks and praise in the name of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

ANTHEM

I Will Be with You

Sydney Barber, accompanist

Joel Raney

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11

SERMON

"A Prayer for Being One in the World"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.126

Since there is always but one God, and there is one mediator between God and humankind, Jesus the Messiah, and one Shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one Testament or covenant, it necessarily follows that there is only one Church. We, therefore, call this Church catholic because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, and extended unto all times, and is not limited to any times or places.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (verses 1, 4, 5)

GTG 258

DEO GRACIAS

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

**Giving God, give us courage to pick up our cross and respond to the needs of this neighborhood and of the world;
give us stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart to our neighbors, near and far;
enable us to witness to your grace, mercy, healing, and love, in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Fight the Good Fight (verses 1, 2, 4)

GTG 846

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Choral Amen



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering!

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Barbara Stein
Roger Jones	Betty Runkel
Sugie Maxfield	Kathie Heffler
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son	Grethel Creech
Dennis Van Deventer (Barbara Stein's brother)	

Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Anne Mobley, Wanda Mosher, Freddie Simmons

Our thanks to musicians in today's service!

Caroline Busselberg, vocals
 Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
 Mary Marxer, vocals
 Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals
 Patti Sloey, vocals
 Shanae Kemp, vocals
 Kyle Feather, vocals
 Bob Goodwin, vocals
 Dillon Hanson, vocals
 Malcolm Payne, vocals
 Rich Lewis, vocals
 Brian Hotchkiss, vocals
 David Pierce, Director of Music
 Sydney Barber, accompanist

COVID-19 Update!

The Easter season comes to a conclusion next week with Pentecost. We will be continuing to worship online as we move beyond Pentecost. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

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.

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the
 3 To all, the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to

out the world shall ring: Christ, by a road be -
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, and with his fol - low -
 gaze up - on the sky? This is the Sav - ior!"
 por - tals of the sky. Here - af - ter you shall
 you let earth ac - cord. You are, while end - less

fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 ers they see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 thus they say; "This is his glo - rious tri - umph - day."
 Je - sus see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

These stanzas have been crafted from various English translations of a much longer Latin hymn preserved in an 11th-century manuscript in the British Museum. This text celebrating Christ's majesty is well set to a 15th-century English tune commemorating a military victory.

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).