



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

May 10, 2026

Andrew Morris, organ

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate and we will send them out in the mail.

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry
I LOVE THE LORD

Chancel Choir
Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, piano

Call to Worship

One: In turbulent times, when the knot of fear tightens,

All: Take heart, trust God and step out.

One: When doubt needles us and despair encircles us,

All: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and walk on.

One: As depression threatens to sink us and grief tries to bury us,

All: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and sing your song.

One: Now we sing of our faith and rejoice together in this celebration.

* **Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (verses 1-4)
MARION

Glory to God #804

* **Call To Confession**

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

Awesome and disturbing God, you breathed life into each of us and called us to walk on the paths of peace. You filled us with compassion and courage, yet we often act with caution and timidity. We know your intentions for justice, yet we keep silent too often or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. We are overwhelmed with your love, yet are hesitant to mention your name to another. We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hold on to past hurts and turn away from reconciliation and fellowship.

God, you are awesome in your love for us. Restore us to clear thinking, fill our hearts with compassion and lead us to bold action in Jesus Christ. Let us be peacemakers, creation-protectors and praise-singers. Through Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Words of Forgiveness**

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

One: The gospel is foolishness for those who do not understand. For God's power and love are shown not in our strength but in our weakness. All praise for a God who does know us for who we are but still never gives up on us. Amen.

- * **Passing the Peace** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)
- * **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Prayer of Illumination** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
Holy Spirit, prepare us to hear from the Scriptures. Sometimes it can be easy to dismiss a passage that seems familiar. We've heard it before and so we disengage. Yet we know that your word is powerful and that it is calling us to live like Jesus. Do not let us turn off our ears so quickly. Help us to listen well and respond with obedience. Let us see what it is you are doing through the Scriptures we hear today. You are working and we want to join you. Amen.
- Psalter Reading** Suzanne Galle, liturgist
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- Special Music** Chancel Choir
Still I Sing Alleluia
 KYLE PEDERSON Dr. Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, piano
- Reading from Acts** Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60
- Sermon** "Receptive Ears" Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison
- Hymn** **Glory to God #50**
Deep in the Shadows of the Past
 SHEPHERDS' PIPES
- Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (as translated by the Maori people)
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.
- Call to Offertory**
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organ
- * **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
- * **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God -- who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, touches each memory with blessing and longs for us to know we are beloved; who splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean; who meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.

We believe in Jesus -- the risen Christ, the Friend of the forgotten, Savior of the world; who loves us without judgment, yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work with the poor and oppressed; who befriends us when we feel lonely, surprises us when we feel bored, prods us when we get complacent; who loves all children, dances with the elderly, shows compassion to the dying and blesses the breaking of bread.

We believe in the Holy Spirit -- who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations and races; who is the stillness in every silence, the breath in every deep sigh, the love in every tender embrace.

We believe we are called to be an Easter people -- challenging despair with glowing hope, acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

We believe in the church -- the hand-holding, heartily singing and passionate, caring fellowship of seekers and finders. This we believe.

* **Closing Hymn**

You Shall Go Out with Joy (2 times)
THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Glory to God #80

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded, please **email us at linda@firstpreslawrence.org** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership, please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- Thank you to everyone who took the time to write letters to our legislators regarding food security bills.
- **Caroll Tucker** has entered hospice care following a Stage 4 cancer diagnosis. She shares that her friendships here have been a blessing to her and she will greet each day in God's love.
- **Ann McMillian, mother of Annette Camlin**, has moved to Hospice House in Omaha, NE. Prayers for her family as they face this time of sadness.
- **Kristi McAlister** continues to receive cancer treatments as part of a clinical trial. She is tolerating the treatment well enough that she can attend her daughter's softball games. Both Kristi and Pat McAlister (her mother) are grateful for our continued prayers and support.

- **Kathryn Roblee** is happy to share that she will be moving out of Skilled Nursing next week. It is not clear at this time if she is returning to her apartment or to assisted living, but she is happy for this move!
- **Betty Thomas, Joy Laird's mother**, is receiving hospice care at Presbyterian Manor. Prayers please.
- **Diana Schoneweis' great nephew, Luke (12)**, completed radiation and is now taking chemo.
- **George Crump** asks for our prayers as he navigates life issues.
- **Sammie Locke** is receiving hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives.
- Please keep **Ruthanne Stucky, Mother of Alisa Stucky**, in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis**. Angela teaches for First 5 Years.
- Please keep **Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Mark and Diana Schoneweis

Greeters: Russ and Marilyn Heikes

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Jeff Southard and Larry Schlosser
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Bag Brigade Volunteer:

Birthdays in the Congregation

May 12	May 14
Edna Galle	Leah Pringle
Pam Mitchell	Shane Hofer

May 13
Kaprelle Bradley

Deacon Family Groups - 2026

A-B	Dorothy Devlin	Lf-Me	Deborah Norwood
C-Di	Lois Dutcher	Mf-N	Becky May
Dj-F	Sandy Groene	O-R	Diana Schoneweis
G-Ha	Melinda Fischer	S-Si	Charles Tuttle
Hb-J	Lucille Eggenberger	Sj-To	Mary Parkinson
K-Le	Linda Longino	Tj-Z	Nikki Barcomb

Calendar

May 10

8:00 am	Presby Pickers Rehearsal
9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:15 am	The Church in the 16 th Century
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship

May 11

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm	FPC Staff Meeting

2:00 pm	Pastor Helen Class
3:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

May 12

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
6:00 pm	Girl Scout CPR Training
6:00 pm	Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Meeting
6:30 pm	Session Meeting

May 13

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

May 14

9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
6:30 pm	PW Ruth Circle

May 15

9:00 am	First 5 Years Carnival
10:00 am	Men's Group
6:00 pm	Sustainability Network Annual Meeting

May 16

7:30 am	Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Retreat
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May 17

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Retreat
3:00 pm	Evan Flynn Violin Studio Recital
5:00 pm	Youth EcoTrek

Children Sunday School

- **Sunday School Classes for Children**

- Our Children gather for fun and adventure in Room 14 at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the fun!

Adult and Youth Sunday School

- **The Church in the 16th Century: Luther, Reformation, and Protestantism.** This class will be led by Paul Laird. We will meet in the Fireside Room through May 10th.
- **On Sunday, May 17th all youth and adults are invited to the Fireside Room** to discuss some options for class moving forward. We are especially interested in what parts of the Bible are challenging for you or maybe even exciting. What would you like to know more about – perhaps the context of the scripture or just questions you have. Bring your ideas, questions, challenges, and favorites to share!

Youth Activities

- **Eco Team and Youth on an EcoTrek!** All FPC Youth and Friends are invited to join the EcoTeam on Sunday, May 17th. Meet at the church at 5:00 pm to carpool to the Rockefeller Trail. There are a couple of apps you might want to download to use on the hike – Seek and iNaturalist. You can use them to identify nature you discover along the way. What a great way to use technology! Call Kelly for more information at 785-979-2713

Pastor Helen's Monday Class is meeting on Mondays at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. We are currently studying the history of religion in the US. Everyone is welcome!

Calling all Graduates! We want to celebrate with you. Please let us know where you are graduating from and what degree you have earned so that we can include it in our newsletter and acknowledge you in worship in May!

Just Food is hosting a Gala to celebrate the work that has been done to make sure everyone in Douglas County has nutritious food as well as raising critical funds to sustain and expand this work. If you agree – consider attending "A Night in the Caribbean" on June 11th at 6:00 pm at the Oread Hotel. Tickets are available at www.justfoodks.org or call 785-856-7030.