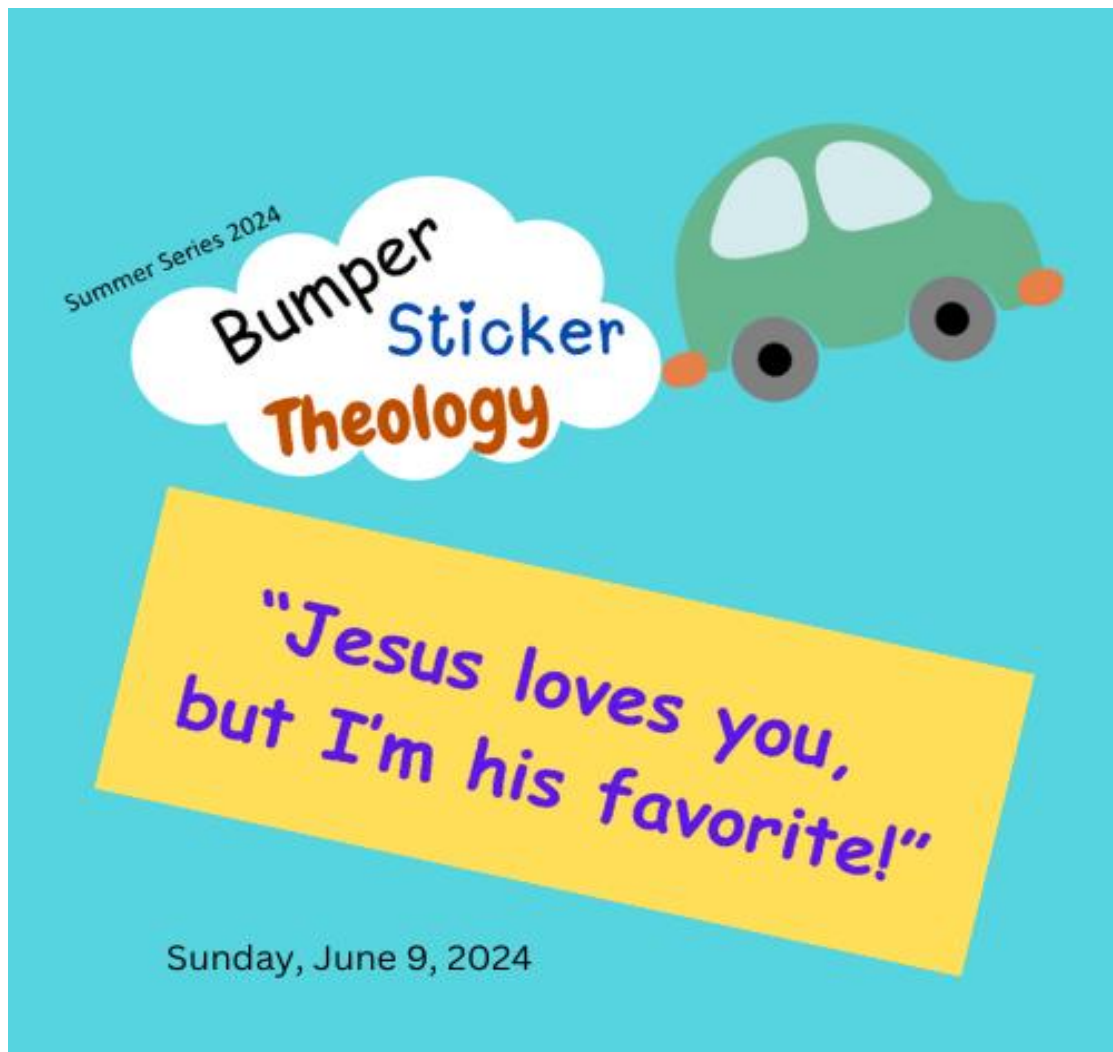


# Third Sunday after Pentecost



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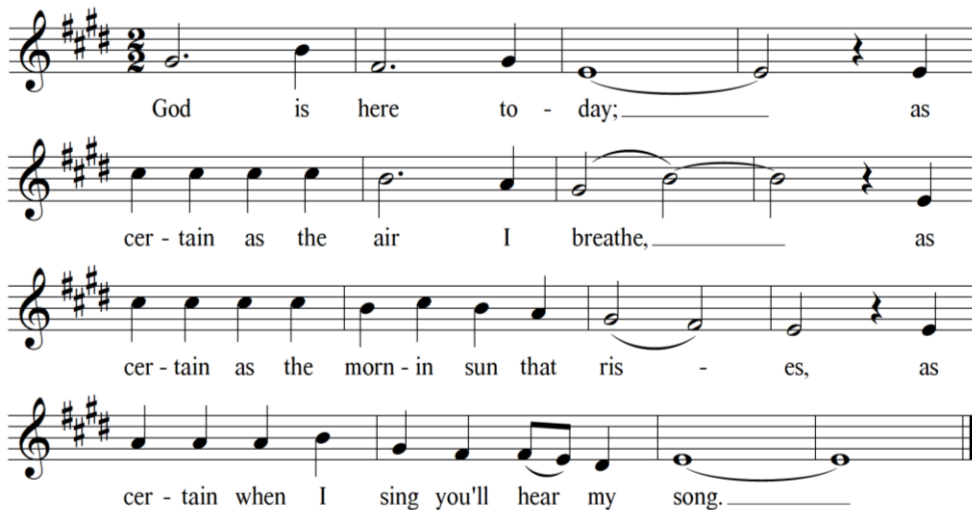
June 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

## WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

**Playground now available!** Children may come forward to the Playground during the Grateful Response. We have quiet activities to engage them for the remainder of the service.

Prelude	Trusting is Believing	arr. Donna Lora
Gathering Song	God Is Here Today	DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ



\* Opening Prayer

\* Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that blinds us,**

**The ignorance that hobbles us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely places,**

**See the world with new and gracious eyes,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**Have faith that you are with us.**

*(Silent Confession)*

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

\* Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Children may come forward to the Playground during the song.*

*Refrain*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Fine*

# Prayer for Illumination

## First Lesson

## James 2:1-13

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism? You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself. But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. The one who said, Don't commit adultery, also said, Don't commit murder. So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

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

## Scripture Anthem

## His Eye is On the Sparrow

arr. S.A. Martin

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

BK Riha, soloist

## Second Lesson

## Acts 10:34-48

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, "These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?" He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jessica Commeret

\* Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Call for Offering

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Donna Lora

*Played on Hammered Dulcimer*

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### The Prayers of the People and The 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.**

### Messages for Our Life in Community

\* Hymn #543                      God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me                      GREEN TYLER

\* Benediction

Postlude                                      Because He Lives                                      arr. Donna Lora

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

**Lay Reader:** Ellen Hugunin

**Director of Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

**Musicians:** FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford; Desra Dabney, flute

**A/V Technician:** Robbie Riffle

Today, we welcome guest musician Donna Lora. Clint is away on vacation this Sunday.

## Announcements

**Community Dinner:** Today from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. We are doing take out only, so please come get your lunch! Help will be needed as well. Please join us following worship so we can extend extravagant hospitality to our community!

**A big thank you for Pride in the Park 2024.** Beautiful weather and beautiful people, celebrating love. We received many Thank Yous for being there and supporting the LGBTQ+ community. We are one of three churches that participate in Pride and share God's word of love for all. I want to thank all those that helped this year: Mary Alice Patrickson, Clint Miller, Jim Baker, John and Denese Malacos, Patricia McVetty, Ed and DeeGee Erner, Char Ebersole and Leslee Kirkconnell. I also want to thank those who stopped by and said hello: Jordan, Brandi and Tristan Clark, Rick and Deb Watson and family and Dave and Wendy Pueschel. God's love was present and touched all of us. It feels right to be Presbyterian and part of FPC!

**Confirmation Camp met this past week**, and we want to give a **huge shout out THANK YOU** to Peggy Lobb who organized our meals. She shopped, ordered, cooked, set up, served, and cleaned up each day! We are grateful for the love shown our confirmation class and their mentors!

**Fine Arts Camp Registration is OPEN!** Scan the code or visit our website to register your rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade child. Camp will be July 29-August 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



**Worship and Picnic in the Park is Sunday, June 30.** Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by our potluck picnic. Hotdogs/buns provided. Please bring a dish according to your last name: A-M side dishes/salads; N-Z dessert. Water provided, or bring what you wish to drink. Bring your chairs, and don't forget your hat and sunscreen! *No activities at the church that morning. Raining? Come to the church (however we will send out an announcement).*

**Pool Party for children (elementary) and youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)!** Saturday, June 29 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Elks Pool. We will have pizza for dinner and provide water and snacks. Final details in the works, but Leslee needs to know who plans to come by June 24.





**Get Connected!** Scan the code to read our weekly Connections Newsletter. You can also read it in your email, on the bulletin board in the hall and on Facebook. NOTE: this week's edition is two pages – don't miss the pictures!

**Church Clean Up Days are coming!** July 15-19, from 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Many hands make light work and are tremendous help to Amy and Casey! Sign up at <https://rb.gy/1sx08t> or scan the code:



**Summer Choir! Sunday, June 23.** Come join the choir for a day! No experience necessary. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 23 to rehearse then sing in worship. All ages welcome!




**Join us Thursday, June 13**  
**Trip to Providence Metropark**  
**and a Canal Ride!**


Gather in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for brunch,  
leave by 11:00 a.m., return by 3:00 p.m.  
Sign up by June 11 outside the office or by calling us.  
\$20 per person.

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



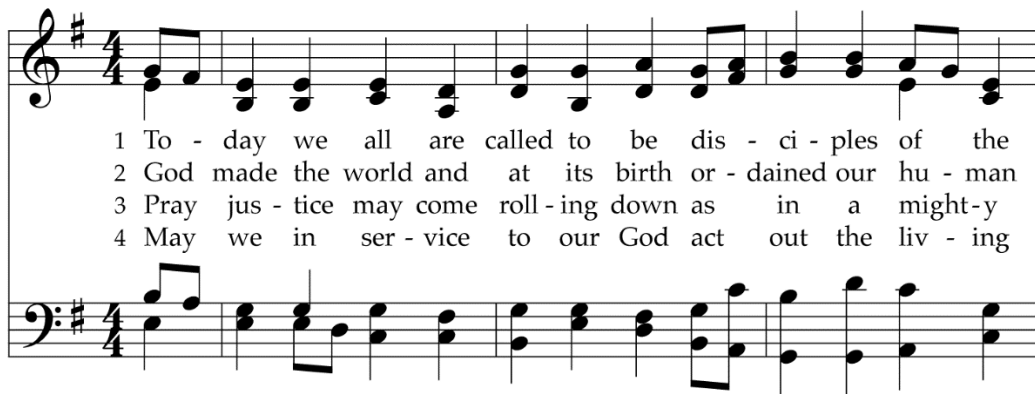
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



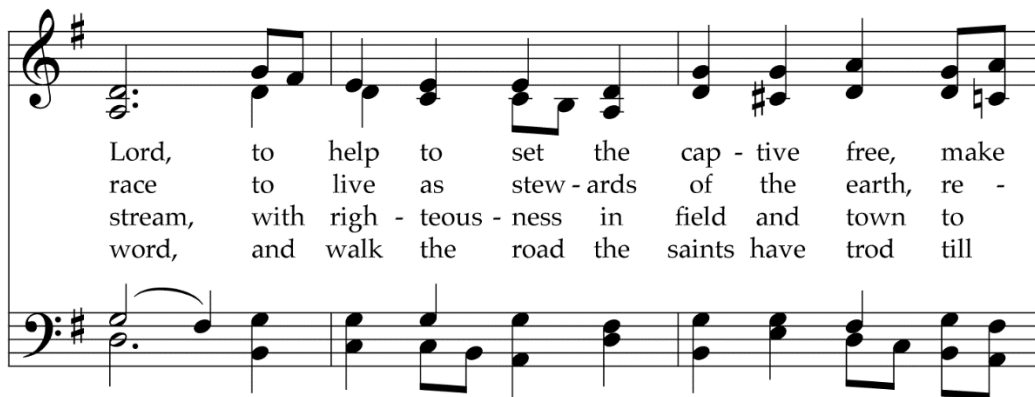
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

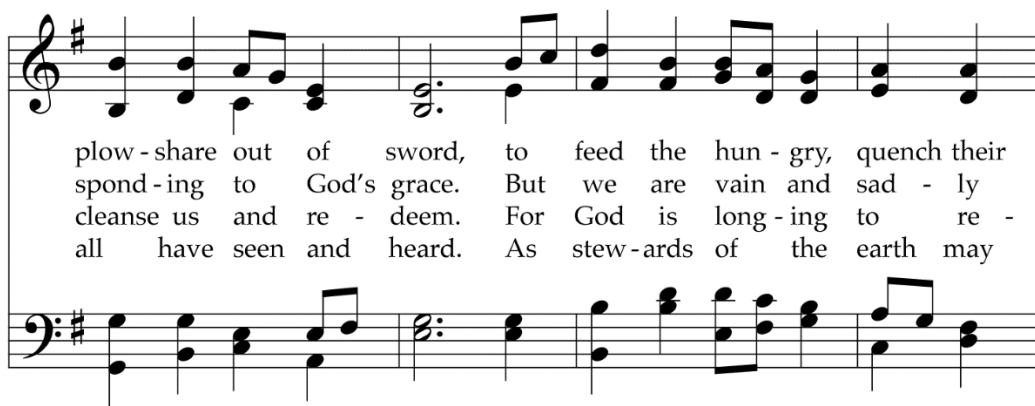
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

To the right is a QR Code. You can open the camera on your smartphone and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate.



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