

Songs & Hymns of Social Justice

Summer Worship

June 8, 2025

Belong

Be Challenged



Be Love

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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!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship.

Children's Worship Bulletins: These are available along with activity packets in the Narthex. Ask a Greeter for one.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. The DAY OF PENTECOST is 50 days after Easter Day. RED is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God in the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples as depicted in both pulpit and lectern paraments and banners created by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The mobile in the Chancel "Come Creator Spirit" represents the flames poured down upon the disciples, as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit in the dove. The mobile was created in 2016 by Don Beck. The color RED is also used for Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, representing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the 16th century renewal movement, as well as the blood shed by the martyrs of that period. The pulpit and lectern paraments, as well as the banners above the doors, depict the fractured Protestant churches which resulted from that movement 500 years ago. They were created in 2017 by Don Beck, whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church in all seasons of the liturgical year.

***Honoring our heritage, we are a dynamic body
welcoming all to Christ's spacious table, illumined
to serve God with imagination and love.***

Belong. Be Challenged. Be Love.

Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

**Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

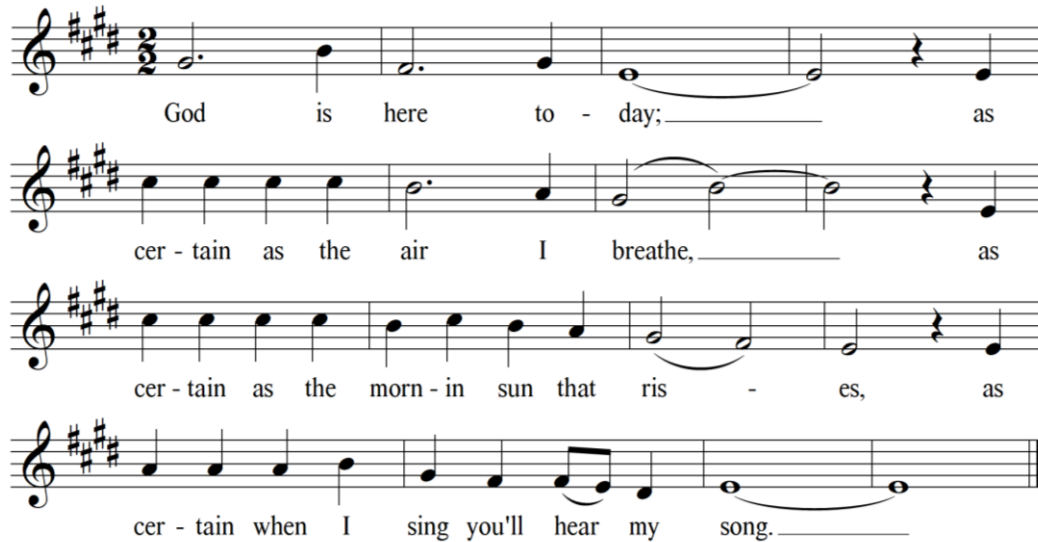
Prelude

In Christ There Is No East or West

arr. Charles Callahan

*Gathering Song

God Is Here Today



*Call to Worship

Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,

as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,

Refresh us with your mercy, who knows our own injustice.

As the stream flows steadily on, defying all odds of stone and water.

Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.

As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us

Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.

As we were once held in our mother's womb

Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.

*Opening Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of extravagant feasts and open invitations,

we confess our tables are often small and exclusive.

When we should stretch our welcome to others,

we limit seats to those we find useful, acceptable, or entertaining.

We make plans without accommodating everyone's needs.

We choose to leave people out

rather than express boundaries that might feel uncomfortable.

We choose a shallow sense of peace

rather than the deep peace that comes after hard, healing conversations. You call us to welcome people we find different, difficult, or annoying.

Give us good discernment to include those who challenge us and expand our capacity for compassion, so we might love our neighbors as you love us.

(Silent Confession)

We pray this all in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Grateful Response

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!

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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

from *The Long Walk to Freedom* (1995), Nelson Mandela

After climbing a great hill one finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended. Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all. Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfil themselves.

Scripture Anthem

Help Us To Love

Tori Kelly

*There's a love so high (That you cannot get over) That same love's so wide (It'll take forever just to get round it)
But love died somewhere Behind that cross you wear You're afraid when you look at me That ain't real love
Not the kind from above, hmmm But there's a friend of mine (That stays closer than a brother)
Oooh, love laid down his life (So why do we still fight one another?) All this hate I see on the TV screen
In my country 'tis of thee God help us to love, to love the way that you love me Hmmm, God help us to love the
way that you love me, oh oh This world is weeping, hurting, broken and begging for change Oh yeah
But still we marching, praying, dying, and things stay the same When will we see? Till everyone's free
There'll never be peace between you and me God, your love is the cure For the rich and the poor God, please
will you open our eyes? 'Cause I want a love so high (That you cannot get over) Oooh, I want a love so wide
(It'll take forever just to get round it) No, no, no, no, no But it don't come cheap It takes everything to make
love more than a dream God help us to love (God help us to love) God help us to love (This world needs your
love) We need your love (What we need now is love) Fill us with your love, Lord (Unconditional love) We need
your love (Rain down on us, your love) Oh, we need your love (Fill us please with your love) God help me to
love the way that you love me.*

BK Riha, soloist

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal

fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Songs of Social Justice

Set It Right Again

Text: adapt. Sojourner Truth; Music: Ana Hernandez

Call

There’s a great trouble in the land.
We’re gonna set it right;
set it right again.

Response

We’re gonna set it right again.
We’re gonna set it right;
set it right again.

Hymn 770 I’m Gonna Eat [Sit] at the Welcome Table

I’m gonna sit at the welcome table...

I’m gonna walk the streets of glory...

I’m gonna get my civil rights...

I’m gonna sit at the Woolworth counter...

I’m gonna be a registered voter...

Early publications: *I’m goin’ down to the river of Jordan some of these days.*

Hymn 379 We Shall Overcome

Hymn 345 In an Age of Twisted Values

If We Eat Our Lavish Banquet

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RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Call for Offering

Offertory Hymn 769

For Everyone Born

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Although the text as it appears in the hymnal is already full of both challenge and promise, the author has become convinced that the hymn needs another stanza. In her collection *A Place at the Table*, she published this one:

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,
and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
compassion and peace.

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

Amen



SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for Our Life in Community

*Closing Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light

See page 12

*Benediction

As we leave this place,
 May we go out into the world ready to be overwhelmed with amazement.
 May we clear our throats to shout the good news.
 May we not shy away from the fire and wind of the Spirit,
 But rather, let it envelop and hone us for the work of love
 That God entrusts to us as the body of Christ.
 Go in peace!

Postlude

Improvisation on *We Shall Overcome*

Carl Haywood

WORSHIP LEADERS

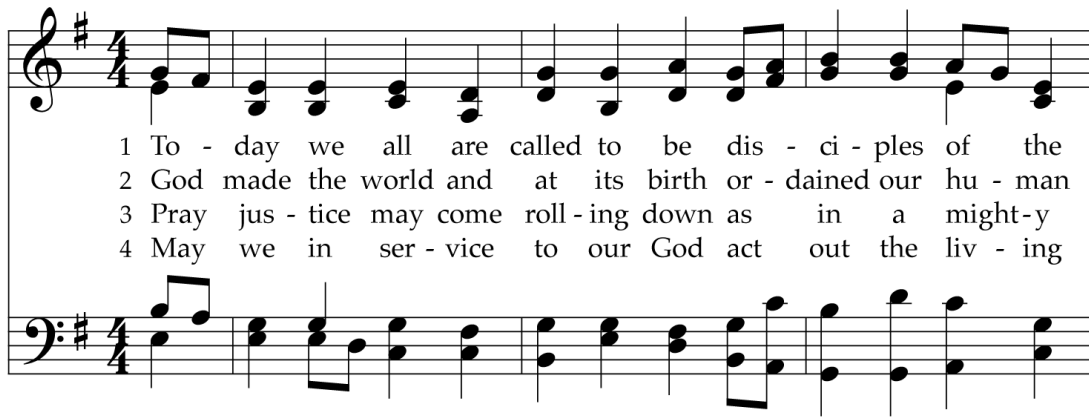
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HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

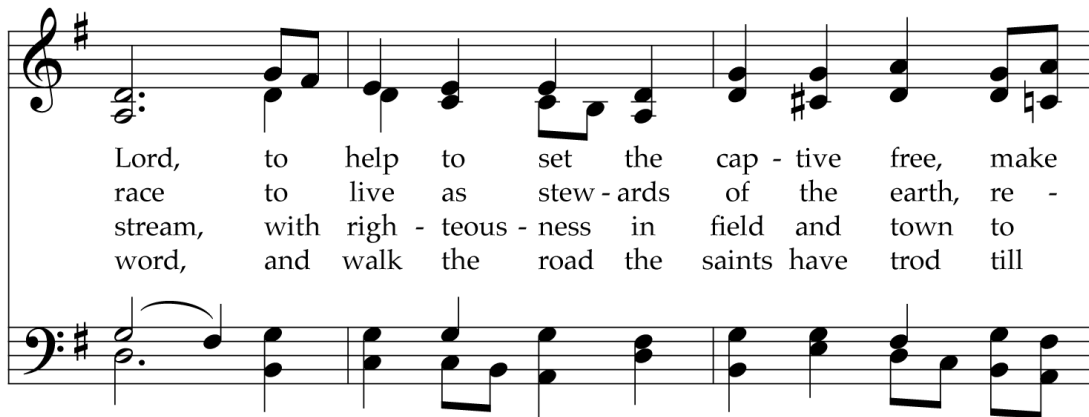
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Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

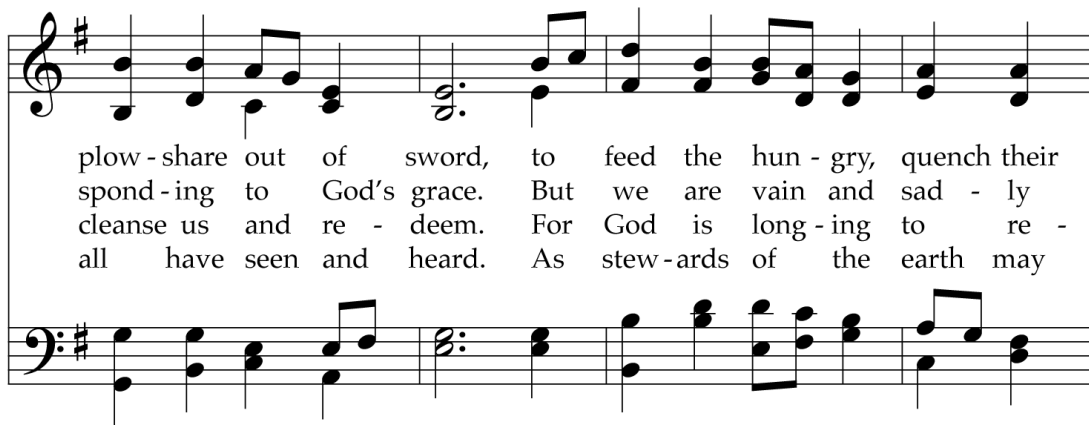
KINGSFOLD



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

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.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
 MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
 Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

KINGSFOLD
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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.

If We Eat Our Lavish Banquet

1. If we eat our lav - ish ban - quet while the hun - gry
2. If our ser - mons soothe the might - y but bring hum - ble
3. If the rit - u - als in chap - els are di - vorced from

cry for bread, if our ta - bles feed the pi - ous
peo - ple shame, if the rich hear on - ly com - fort
acts of care, if the words we preach in church - es

while the out - cast goes un - fed, if the strong hoard
but the poor hear on - ly blame, if the smug grow
are not good news ev - 'ry - where, if op - pres - sion

wealth and pow - er while the weak a - mong them die,
still more cer - tain but and the doubt - er runs from God,
grows a - round us and we do not give a damn,

is the meal we share in - de - cent,
is the word we preach in - sult - ing,
is our lit - ur - gy of - fen - sive,

is our eu - cha - rist a lie?
is our gos - pel then a fraud?
is our wor - ship just a sham?

Text: David Bjorlin, b.1984; © 2020 GIA Publications, Inc.
Music: EBENEZER; Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain



G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 8, 2025

TODAY

Mission Team Departs Today

The Mission Team left for Kentucky this morning. Keep them in your prayers in the coming week.

Mission Team: Lena Kennedy, Tracy McMath, Tiffany Lobb, Addie Lobb, Kenzie Lobb, Jessica Commeret, Miles Myers, Jase Myers, Stella Myers, Tillie Abbott, Bekah Mast, Matthew Hards, & Mercer Phlegar.

Men's Group

9:00 a.m., Room 211

This group is open to all men of our church and meets on the second Sunday of each month. Let's get to know each other better and share our work and faith stories. Hope to see all of you there.

Contact: Curt Hugunin at 419-957-2038

Fellowship

We have coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday in the Parlor.

Community Dinner

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Great Room

The Community Dinner outreach provides a nutritious home-cooked meal on the 2nd Sunday of each month to the community. Volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday to prep the meal. The Community Dinner is a great way to show God's love through the gift of food and fellowship. Sign up to help outside the Church Office or contact Tracy Kennedy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Onward and Upward

Thursday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

June Program: We will dive into the topic of Older Adults and mental health struggles. Anna Hairston MSW from the Area Agency on Aging will lead the conversation.

Join us for an engaging program followed by a delicious lunch. Invite friends, come and learn, and of course, enjoy lunch! Please sign up outside the church office.

Contact: Pastor Jessie

Next Sunday: Guest Preacher – Rev. Ann Wasson

GET CONNECTED

Scan the code to read our weekly E-News Connections.

You can also read in your email.



Monthly Opportunities at City Mission

After Lent, where we sought to “share the bread” with our neighbors, the mission committee has decided to continue these mission opportunities twice a month—one lunch and one dinner. The next available dates are:

- Tuesday, June 10, 10:30am—1pm
- Thursday, June 26, 4:30pm—6:00pm.

Sign up outside the Church Office.

Let's knock their socks off!

Each year, Christian Clearing House invites the Findlay community to help them “stuff the bus” with backpacks and school supplies. They also provide a shoe voucher with each backpack, if possible so local kids can have a new pair of shoes when they head off to school! In recent years, CCH has realized that most children don't have adequate socks to wear with their new shoes.

This year, to fill that important need, we've been tasked with collecting new pairs of socks!!! We'll be collecting from June through July 15th! Sizes needed are medium to extra-large with greatest need as large. Kids receiving socks/shoe vouchers are school age (ages 5-18) for both boys and girls. There is a dedicated collection box located in the Narthex.

Contact: Dave Reynolds

FPC Fine Arts Camp – Registration is Open!

July 28-August 1

Spread the word: Painting, sculpting, drawing, GLUE!, singing, drumming, dancing, games, FUN! Our Fine Arts Camp registration is now open. Any child going into 1st through 5th grades are welcome (this includes 5th grade graduates). Registration is available online by clicking here, at our website, or at the Church Office.

Contact: Clint Miller

Staff Summer Away Dates:

Pastor Jessie: June 8-16 (Misson Trip)

Clint Miller: June 14-21 (Continuing Education)

ONLINE GIVING

You can open the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code 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. Thank you!



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