



God is not far from any one of us.  
**ACTS 17:27**

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*Psalm 66:20*)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,  
**ALL:** *Whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. John White*

**PRELUDE**

*Here I Am to Worship*

Stan Brunner

Tim Hughes  
arr. Lyndell Leatherman

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Blessings*

FPC Kids Choir

Toni Sullivan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!  
**ALL:** *Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.*  
One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!  
**ALL:** *Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.*  
One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!  
**ALL:** *Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.*  
One: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:  
**ALL:** *God is with us and will never let us go.*

**\*HYMN: 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Rev. John White*

Sisters and brothers, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Rev. John White*

*Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. John White*

One: Beloved, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 581)**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. John White*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**ALL:** *And also with you.*

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*Brother James' Air*

arr. Wilberg

Chancel Choir | Helen Redding, Director

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Anna Poole*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 686 *God of Our Life***

SANDON

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. John White*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*-John 14:15-21 (pg. 109)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 17:22-31 (pg. 137-38)***

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

*Do We Know What We Worship?*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. John White

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew,  
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Song of Joy*  
Stan Brunner

Rev. John White  
Robert J. Hughes

\*Doxology (Tune: 607)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 625** *O Lord My God*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Let the Great Amen Resound*  
Chancel Choir

Raney

**POSTLUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Stan Brunner

arr. Joel Raney