

forgiveness

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2026

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our brothers and sisters in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

Reflections on the Spirit
Stan Brunner

arr. Joel Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Vivian Jones

One: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world,
we are the beloved!

ALL: *May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.*

One: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings;

ALL: *We come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.*

One: Come, in friendship to God and to each other,

ALL: *We come to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our
calling. Friends of God, let us worship!*

***HYMN: 628** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

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PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Rev. John White

Giving and forgiving God, we are often quick and tenacious in asking for your patience and understanding for ourselves, while we too often fail to extend to others what we seek from you. We demand immediate restitution from those whom we perceive to wrong us, and withhold forgiveness even when it is sincerely sought from us. Forgive us when we take advantage of another's weakness and vulnerability, demand more than we need, or make it virtually impossible for others to correct their mistakes. Purge our desire for vindication and

dominance, and fill us with your spirit of forgiveness, which knows no limit. We ask all this through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven.

ALL: As water brings life to the wilderness, so our confession and God's grace bring life and hope to us. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And, also, with you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Just As I Am

Phillip Langrave

Pam and Jeff Chambers

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anna Poole

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PLASTIC FREE JULY

Elder Vivian Jones

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Vivian Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 103:8-12 (p.554)*

Elder Vivian Jones

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Matthew 18:21-34 (p.20)*

Rev. John White

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

What God and FPC Have Taught Me about Forgiveness

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

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

Elder Vivian Jones

*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**

As We Gather at Your Table
Stan Brunner

Elder Vivian Jones
arr. Joshua Evanovich

*Doxology (Tune: 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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Vivian Jones

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN: 525** *Let Us Break Bread Together* (v.1-2) BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN: 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (v.2)

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***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

POSTLUDE

Jesus Saves
Stan Brunner

arr. Charles Callahan
arr. Leatherman