

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

† Those who are able are invited to stand **Bold** indicates words spoken in unison

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

An order of worship offers a meaningful and reliable structure for the church's encounter with the living God. Over time, an order of worship helps to shape our faith and faithfulness as the people of God, becoming a pattern for how we live as Christians in the world.

PRELUDE Teresa de Freitas
Meditation on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"
arr. Paul Fey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP Rev Hannah Ostlund
The earth is the Lord's.
All who live in it!
The Lord is our creator who spoke all things into being.
We are God's creatures, the work of his hands.
Let us worship the living God together.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN #714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

CONFESSION OF SIN
Creating God, this world often feels like one big chaotic void. It is flooded with violence. It is overrun with familial brokenness. Our hearts are often corrupt and bent toward selfishness. Rescue your creation, seeing one. Create us anew in your son, that a new light may dawn around us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #583 *Glory to God*
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ronnie Church

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6:5-14, 17-18, p. 5

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SERMON Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

O How I Love Jesus
Traditional American Melody

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *As Pants the Hart*
Linda Spevacek-Avery

† DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING TO SHARE THE WORD

† HYMN #625 *How Great Thou Art*

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"*
arr. Paul Fey



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of our 2026 Graduates. Our prayers and support will go with them as we mark this milestone. The flowers are placed by the Julie Steele Flower Fund.

Welcome to First Pres

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your pews are for recording attendance and for visitors to share their information so that we can share about God's work here.
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CLIPBOARDS are in the narthex.
CHILDCARE (ages 4 and under) is available in the Nursery in our Family Life Center (see an usher for directions).
ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available from an usher.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Anne Saunders, Luke Fisher, Jenn Selby, Acey Worthy, Ron Church, Vickie Reavis (the De Graaf's friend), Gerry Crabbe (Jenn Selby's friend)

Lincoln Holman and family on the death of his father.

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Marjie Aggers, Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Clay Burleson, Betty Carli, Christie Carter, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Betty Mohs, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley

BIRTHDAYS: Glenn Thomason, Melanie Burton, Emily Muire, Margaret Almeida, Annette Roberts, Beverly Cobb, Holly Whittington, Ames Flynn, Helen Kichetski, Eleanor Behrooz, Ron Church, Ann Blankenship, Anne Cave

ANNIVERSARIES: Lee and Tricia Johnson, Tom and Anne Maxey, Tom and Rochelle Bost, Bob and Cindy Coleman, Blaine and Andrea Smith

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

WORSHIP: Baccalaureate Sunday is TODAY, during the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the courtyard in honor of the graduates immediately following the service.

WORSHIP: Join us this evening for a Night of Worship at 6:00 pm in our courtyard for a time of praise, prayer, and community! Bring your chairs and settle in for a wonderful time—music led by our LCW Praise Team and Jessica Holman Settineri and Matthew Holman.

GROW: Are you in your 20s and 30s? Are you looking for a community of friends in faith? First Pres is excited to be kicking off Young Adult programming this year, just for you! All Young Adults are invited to join Pastor Hannah in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am Service on Sunday, May 31, for coffee and pastries to get to know one another and talk about summer plans!

