

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Arr. Lowell Mason

Teresa de Freitas

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter
Adapted from Psalm 139

Where can we go from God's spirit?

Or where can we flee from God's presence?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there;

if we make our bed in the depths, God is there.

If we take the wings of the morning

and settle at the far edge of the sea,

even there God's hand shall lead us,

and God's right hand shall hold us fast.

† HYMN #321

The Church's One Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #288

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 p. 545

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 28, p. 23

SERMON

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

This is My Father's World
arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Josh 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

The Meditations of My Heart
Elaine Hagenberg

† 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 #370

This Is My Father's World

TWAM Mission Trip 2026 Commissioning

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata Opus 161
Paul Fey



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in memory of John Durkee and in honor of all fathers by Joyce Durkee and family.

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: Antonio Cervantes Anguiano, Mary Cameron, Jesse Tart

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Ron Church, Ty Cobb, Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Luke Fisher, Scott Hay, Carter Jenkins, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Martha Michael, Betty Mohs, Frank & Anne Saunders, Jenn Selby, John Smith, Bill Troxler, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Marilyn Settineri, Josh Honbarrier, Tom Maxey, Ryan Jenkins, Bill Lee, Ryan Adams, Ty Cobb, Christy Godbold, Roarke Burton, Brenda Byrd, Leighton Horton, Guy Hoskins, Doug Lawrence, Barbara Safrit

ANNIVERSARIES: Russ and Megan Adams, Brian and Suzette Pritchard, Scott and Marcie Leary, Jimmy and Nancy Linn, Derrick and Leigh Ann Preston

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Unified Adult Sunday School continues! This summer (June 14 to August 2), we are excited to be offering a Unified Sunday School opportunity titled "The Arch of Scripture." Together, we will explore the Bible from cover to cover at 30,000 feet and share ways you can engage our Holy text in your daily life. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:45.

GROW: All Young Adults (18 to 40ish) are invited to join Pastor Hannah at New Sarum Brewing on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:30-8:00 for Theology on Tap. We will spend time together and with God's word!

GROW: Our Men's Bible Study with Pastor Josh continues each Tuesday at 6:30 am in room 201.

GROW: We have a new opportunity for you to actively participate in sharing God's love. Please consider signing up by visiting the bulletin board outside of Lewis Hall:

1. **Worship Scripture Readers:** Join us in worship and help share God's word by reading the first scripture lesson at 8:30 or 11:00. Readings will be distributed the week prior.

WORSHIP: Unified Summer Worship is fast approaching. Mark your calendars now for Sundays, June 28 - August 2. We will alternate worship spaces beginning in Lewis Hall. Also, we will be worshipping at **10:30** (Sunday School moves to 9:30).

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

STAFF: Please be aware that your pastors and staff will never text or email you to solicit money, gift cards, or run errands. Other things to watch out for: emails not ending with @firstpressalisbury.org or emails/texts about 'a private matter.' Please do not respond to these phishing emails and texts.

GIVING UPDATE:

2026 Budgeted Pledges through 06-30-26: \$576,233

2026 Year-to-Date Received: \$469,097

GIVING: Make summertime giving a breeze by setting up recurring gifts! Many of you support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions throughout the year. But since many of our members travel or spend time visiting family and friends during the summer, it can be hard to keep up with weekly gifts. That's why we encourage you to set up regular, recurring donations through our secure online giving site – www.firstpressalisbury.org/give.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Our next Helene Relief Trip will be July 19-24. Communities still need so much help rebuilding. Contact Bob Harris at 704-202-5877 to volunteer—no skills required and no cost for lodging and meals.

SERVE: Remember to sign up to host Rowan-Salisbury School's Summer Meals. We need 2-3 people daily, Monday-Friday, May 28-July 28, 11:15-12:15. Lunch is free for ALL children up to 18 years old, so bring your kids and grandkids!



SERVE: Yoga! Certified Yoga Instructor, Felicia Stewart Hoyle, leads yoga each Wednesday morning, 9:00-10:15 in Lewis Hall for beginners through advanced levels and for all ages. (No class on July 1, 8, 15, and 22) Suggested donation: \$10.

SERVE: Save the date for Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-6:30, for our Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Go online to book your appointment.



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M-Th (8-5), F (8-1)

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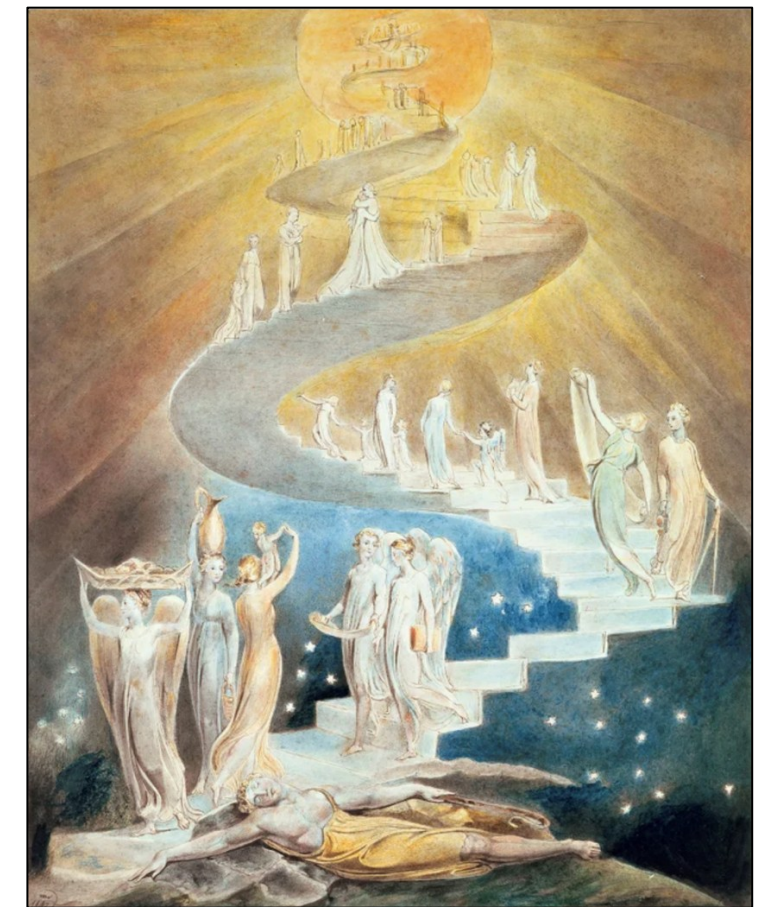
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God's Dysfunctional Family Tree An Incredible Beginning



4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2026

11:00 am | Sanctuary

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