



5th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements
Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

†Call to Worship
John Drye

†Song
How Sweet The Sound
Ben Calhoun | Josh Calhoun

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory
Rylan Lowe, soloist
Trust in God (Elevation)
Brandon Lake | Chris Brown

†Doxology
Doxology (Alleluia)
Chris Cleveland | Thomas Ken

†Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

†Song
This Is Amazing Grace
Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro

†Benediction

Postlude

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message
Megan Shaw

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 29:16-27
Stacie LaRoche



Scripture:
Genesis 29:31-32; 30:1-3, 7-11, 19-21, 22-24

Sermon
Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by David and Nadine Potts in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 3.

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

†Affirmation of Faith

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Bill Troxler, 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 Saunders, Jenn Selby, John Smith, Jeanette Whitley, Acey Worthy

BIRTHDAYS: Allison Tart, Sam Garner, Anna Ostle, Anna Mead, Mac Blankenship IV, Lee Snow, Alice Brady, Frank Saunders, Denny Wenker, Jim Mitchell, Randy Reamer, Jan Corriher Smith, John Muth

ANNIVERSARIES: Glenn and Nancy Phillips, Braxton and Mackenzie Mosack, David and Nadine Potts

Ministry Focus

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

FRIENDSHIP PADS in your rows 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 back of the room on the Welcome Table.

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.

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: First Kids (potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade) is having a summer movie night on Friday, July 17, from 6 to 8 pm. Join us in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a show with a blanket in hand!

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 9:30.

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: 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 continues through August 2, and we will alternate worship spaces each week. Remember we will be worshipping at 10:30 (Sunday School moves to 9:30).

Ministry Focus

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: \$485.153

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: Next Sunday, July 5, is our day to bring in items for Rowan Helping Ministries. They are asking for: applesauce cups, fruit cups, crackers, canned carrots, salmon, sardines, Spam, honey, and salad dressing.

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.



SERVE: God's Table @ RHM - Volunteer now to help Pastor Hannah lead a brief time of worship at Rowan Helping Ministries (Jeannie's Kitchen at 226 N Long St) before serving lunch together. Three dates to choose from: Aug 23, Sept 20, or Nov 15. Hours: 11:15-1:00.



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Friendships Across Differences Embracing the Unchurched

