

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

Melody in F-Major

Paul Fey

Teresa de Freitas

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Megan Shaw

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Coggin

Here, in this place, God welcomes all dreamers and doubters:  
In our days of worry and our shouts of praise, we call on God by name.  
Here, in this time, we remember all the ways God has graced us:  
In these moments, we know that God is with us, always!  
Here, in worship, we bring our whole selves, dysfunctional and gifted:  
God calls us as we are and guides us all our days.

† HYMN #275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

CONFESSION OF SIN

Generous God, we confess that we do not always understand your ways. We are easily discouraged when our dreams do not always work out, and our plans feel left unresolved. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult; forgive us. Grant us eyes to recognize your leading and patience to wait for your right timing. Give us the courage, O God, to trust in your path and rely solely on your faithful love and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† RESPONSE #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Megan Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 37:1-7, 23-24 p. 483

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37:2-10, 14-28, p. 32

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Ostlund

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Gail Drinkard – Handbell solo

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Allie McGuire

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Sanctuary Choir

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

K Jason French

† 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 #837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

2 Cents a Meal

During the singing of the hymn, please bring your  
2 Cents a Meal offering to the front.

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful Theme

Paul fey



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God,  
and in loving memory of Beverly ‘Bev’ Mitchell  
by Jim Mitchell, Claire and Geoffrey Allen, Amy and David Magid,  
Davis Allen, and Grey Allen.

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 Room 211 while summer maintenance is being completed downstairs (see an usher for directions).  
ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available from an usher.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: Myrna Crocker, Richard Franklin, Mary Cameron, Jesse Tart

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

BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Linn, Reba Parsons, Anne Curlee, Betty Defreese, Madelyn Dailey, Holly Muñoz, Andrea Bullock, Carol Sayers, Betty Mohs, Drew Aron, Bonnie Link, Bunni Bost, Bekah Summitt, Bekah Cresenzo, Kim Johnson, Fred Bryan, John Smith, James Smith, Lynn Miller

ANNIVERSARIES: Russ and Liz Snyder, Richard and Anne Ervin

We are deeply rooted

GROW: Unified Adult Sunday School continues through 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: Worship Scripture Readers wanted. Help share God's word by reading the first scripture lesson at 8:30 or 11:00. Readings will be distributed the week prior. Sign up using the QR code or on the bulletin board by Lewis Hall.



GROW: Calling all preschool 3-4-year-olds through 5th-grade kids, it’s time to sign up for First Kids! We will begin earlier this year, so mark your calendars now for Wednesday, August 19. Parents, we will also have a parent meeting on August 19. Come for dinner and stay for a meeting to hear about expectations, the calendar, and new opportunities!



**GROW:** First Kids needs volunteers. It takes a village. Watch for signups to begin soon. Cooks, cleanup teams, table parents, and shepherds are needed!



**WORSHIP:** Unified Summer Worship continues through 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).

**MUSIC:** Join us on Sunday, August 16, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary for our First Pres Concert Series featuring the Astralis Ensemble. This award-winning trio consists of a cello, flute, and harp. Don't miss these 'scary-good' musicians!

**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 @firstpresssalisbury.org or emails/texts about 'a private matter.' Please do not respond to these phishing emails and texts.

**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.firstpresssalisbury.org/give.

**WE ARE BRANCHING OUT**

**SERVE:** RSS is welcoming 8 new international teachers this month, and they need our help! Visit our Amazon Wish List or donate funds to help us fill their homes with basic supplies as they embark on a new adventure here in Salisbury and alongside RSS. **Deadline to help: August 3!**



**SERVE:** Our weekly yoga class is now on summer break. See you back on July 29 at 9:00.

**SERVE:** Book your appointment now for Tuesday, July 28, 2:00-6:30, for our Quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive. Help to save lives by donating blood.



**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, or Sept 20. Hours: 11:15-1:00.



**DAY SCHOOL:** School will begin soon, and the Day School has a wish list they would love to see fulfilled. Please consider donating one of these items to help enhance the amazing program they offer children in Rowan County.



**SERVE:** United Way Day of Caring. The Showing Up Team is looking for volunteers to join as a church group to help with United Way's Day of Caring on August 27. Please contact Mike Drinkard (770-283-9046 or mikedrinkard@gmail.com) if you'd like to join this mission outreach effort of First Pres.



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# Service of the Lord's Day



## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026  
10:30 am | Sanctuary

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