

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, May 9, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) ~ Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Way of the Week #22

22. REST & REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. (Genesis 2: 2, 3)

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Behnke

Call to Worship

Peter Jonescu

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's love endures forever.

In our pain and anguish we cried out to the Lord, and he answered by setting us free. So give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song; he is our freedom and hope. Remember: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's love endures forever. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Peter Jonescu

Call to Confession

Frantz Constant

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Frantz Constant

Awesome and compassionate God, you have known us with unfailing, self-giving love and mercy; but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we are blind to the needs of others. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we turn back to you again. We admit our wrongs and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

A time for our personal prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness (adapted from 1 Peter 2: 24, 25)

Frantz Constant

Jesus personally carried away our wrongs in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You and I have been healed by his wounds!

Once we were like lost sheep with no idea who we were or where we were going. Now we are named and kept for good by the Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism of Lily Jeanne Andreola Barnum

Rev. Spencer/Elder Castellanos

Baptism of Ethan Robert Andreola Barnum

Parents: Kim Andreola and Matt Barnum

Response: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Lilly Rykaczewski, Soloist

Anthem

God is Always There

Sullivan

Choristers

Carol Manion, Piano

I have feelings deep inside that I want to share.
I can pray and talk to God. God is always there.
Thank you, God, for Your loving care.
Thank you God, You are always there.

When I'm feeling sad inside, thinking no one cares,
I can pray and talk to God. God is always there.
Thank you, God, for Your loving care.
Thank you God, You are always there.

When I'm feeling all alone, and I'm feeling scared,
I can pray and talk to God, God is always there.

When my heart is full of love, joy is in the air,
I can pray and talk to God. God is always there.
Thank you, God, for Your loving care.
Thank you God, You are always there.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Frantz Constant

Offertory

Peter Jonescu

Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. Give securely online with our [automatic withdrawal](#) or give directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings.

Offertory Music

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

Spiritual/arr. Miller

Choristers ~ Soloists: Lyla Bechtel, Ava Gandy, Audrey Barr, Lilly Rykaczewski
Carol Manion, Piano

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I know the Lord's laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
My Lord's done just what He's said:
He's healed the sick and raised the dead.

Solo: Did ever you see the like before?
King Jesus preaching to the poor!

REFRAIN

Solo: Oh wasn't that a happy day,
When Jesus washed my sins away!

Solo: Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right:
They fool all day and pray at night.

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Solo: My Lord's done just what He said,
He healed the sick and raised the dead.

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Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Sign on the Line"

Scripture Text: [Mark 3: 7-19 \(NLT\)](#)

Music in Preparation for Service

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Baker

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

Those in the sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Sheila Schneider to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franz Schneider and our parents.

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Family Promise (formerly IHN) may not be able to be housed in our church, but they still need our help! Families are still being housed in motels. Please send a donation (no amount too big or small!) to help offset the cost of motels and expenses for these families who need help right now. *Our church is hosting the week of May 9, and while we can't supply our church or bring meals, we can help raise money to pay for the motel that week!* Please donate to: <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/covid-crisis-wears-on> Thank you!

NEW: Discipleship Study (Sundays 9:45 a.m.) -- Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Ascitutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). Class dates: Sunday, May 23-Aug. 16. The study will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Masks are required on campus. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#).



Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – Register on our Events page for a virtual study with the Converge Church June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 7-9 p.m. The study will explore *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. To REGISTER, visit our [online Event page](#). Books are available for \$20 in the church office.

Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway": June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (Fall 2021) are invited to climb aboard for mountains of fun on this faith-filled adventure! Cost: \$20 per child. **DEADLINE: June 9th** (see our [online Events page](#) and website).

Virtual Mission Fair: Missionopoly, May 9-23 – Take a virtual trip around the world! [See our website for complete details](#). Information bags will be available May 9-23 in the Commons Lobby. Watch the videos, play the game, pray the devotions and join live Zoom panel discussions and Q&A.

