

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 6, 2021

9:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

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GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

The Call To Worship

Doreen Vaughn, liturgist

Let us lift up the Name of our God!

Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!

For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,

the Lord's love embraces the earth,

preserving our life in the midst of trouble.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

The Prayer of Adoration

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so we come before You with gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. In the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

*The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:*

To God all praise and glory.

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us. Like unruly children we strain at Your guidance, we try to break away and do it ourselves. We feel our strength and imagine ourselves to be all powerful. We rejoice in our life and imagine ourselves to be immortal. We know our talents and want to be independent rather than depend on You. Before we know it, we are in the grip of other powers, leading us away from Your loving ways into the slavery of selfish greed, adoring false gods of youthfulness, materialism, and power. Lord, forgive us and free us ... (time for silent confession) ... In Your mercy, reconcile us to You and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart.

When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us.

We believe and so we proclaim:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

p. 581 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Open Your Good News to us, O God, and open us to Your Good News, that we may find ourselves in Your abundant life. Speak, Lord, and help us to listen. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20*

p. 311 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Come, Sing, Rejoice!

Handel/Hopson

*Come, sing, rejoice, let all make music to God alone.
Sing songs of grateful praise, your joyful anthems raise.
God's mighty hand we see in all the earth.*

*The wide, expanding seas, the mountains and the trees tell forth God's love.
Let all the people praise the Lord, sing songs of joy forevermore.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 3:20-35*

p. 45 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

Reception of Confirmands

Presentation and Questions of Membership

The *Apostles' Creed*

Prayer

Charge

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 4:1, 5—5:1*

p. 220 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Cracked Pot People
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

*The Charge & Benediction

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!
Go forth with forgiveness and grace. Go forth with compassion and love.
We go as Christ's family for all the world to see.

*The Postlude

Announcements for June 2–9

Signs of Renewal

Recently, Session received into membership 7 adults who reached out to join us in worship during the tumultuous months of the past year. They will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, June 13. Watch for their names and contact information in future email newsletters.

Last night, Session received into membership 5 of our youth who completed an interrupted and abbreviated confirmation journey. They will be recognized in worship this Sunday, June 6.

Our congregation continues to grow with these additions despite the difficulties and limits on gatherings and fellowship life.

We are blessed to share in this ministry with you all.

See you in worship.

Warmly,

Brittany and Allen



Weekly Meetings & Activities

- Wed. (6/2) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Church Lawn)
Contact Marsha Lockett (marshajlockett@gmail.com)
- Thurs. (6/3) — Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)
Adult Choir, 7:15p.m. (Choir Room)
- Sun. (6/6) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)
Sacred Dance, 1pm (FH)
- Tues. (6/8) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)
Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net)
- Wed. (6/9) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Church Lawn)

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, June 6:

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 1
Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Tom Lewis, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

Condolences to Bryan Eland and family on the death of his mother, Gina Eland, who died on May 25, 2021.

Birthdays this week June 6-13

6. Debe Garrison, Margaret Rowe
7. Chaz Robertson, Stacy Whalen, Christy Humphreys
8. Michael Mathias, Makenna Page, Tom Coen, Chris Humphreys
9. Brian Liska, Bayli Hayes
10. Nathaniel Hughes, Kristen Betsill, Ellen Fritz, Carter Theado, Lizzie Heard
11. Kim Fischer, Marshall Steven
12. Emma Lewis, Katie Leimbach, Aidan Conway
13. Jacob Adams, Rick Ross, Zachary Horn, Elliott Keffer





Rocky Railroad - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00

a.m. to noon. Register online using the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>

Summer registration for Camp Hanover is open!! Studies have shown that outdoor camps help support whole-child health, social emotional learning, academic performance, as well as college & career readiness. Come to camp and 'Bond over s'mores, not screens!' The camp staff is focusing on health, safety, and risk management and is using the American Camp Association Field Guide and guidance from the local health department. The staff is also implementing strategies (testing, co-horting, masking, distancing, etc.) that mitigate the spread of COVID-19. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.camphanover.org>

The week of June 20, we will be congratulating and celebrating **those who are graduating from high school and beyond**. Please email the church office with the name of the school from which you or someone you know is graduating (cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org). Thank you!

An invitation to all women of our church to join a **Presbyterian Women circle**. Benefits of being a circle member: Growing deeper in God's word by studying together, deepening friendships, making new friends; serving the church through mission projects and more. For further details, please contact Sharon Moser, Historian of the Presbytery of the James. Phone or email. 540-786-2661 (slmhorsewm@aol.com).

Do you enjoy driving? Are you one who is excited by the journey more than the destination? Would you enjoy watching the rolling hills of scenic Virginia transform into the rolling mountains of picturesque North Carolina? If so, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Our youth will be returning again this summer to the **Montreat Youth Conference and we are in need of additional drivers**. If you are free to help with transportation on Sunday, July 25 and/or Saturday July 31, please be in touch with Pastor Tamminga in the Church Office.



A reminder that we continue to serve our neighbors in need through the Food Pantry at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. As of May 24, the FUMC Food Pantry days and hours of operation will be changing. It will now be open only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving the community through this ministry, contact Elder Sherman Brown or sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/PantryHelp>

Volunteers Needed for Refugee Feeding Ministry - Since the beginning of the pandemic, our congregation has provided several thousand pounds of food for local refugees and other at-risk individuals in our community. We are looking to expand this ministry, but we need volunteers! If you are interested in helping to sort and/or deliver food to these families, please be in touch with Marsha Luckett (marshajluckett@gmail.com) or Betsy Mathias (bcmathias@aol.com)

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