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July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We pray that all will experience a warm welcome and experience the presence of the Lord in this house of worship. After the service we invite worshippers to enjoy refreshments in our fellowship hall.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ♦ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ♦ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7.
- ♦ If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ♦ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ♦ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Michelle Hanson

Please observe silence in preparation for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

GATHERING SONG

As The Deer

Words and Music by
Martin Nystrom

VERSE

♩ = 74

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A7sus A7 D2sus D

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver. On-ly You can sat-is-fy.

A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D D/C#

5 You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.
You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the ap-ple of my eye.

CHORUS

Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F# Em Em7 F#sus F# F#E

You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D

14 You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

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TRINITARIAN GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (OPENING PRAYERS)

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Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

The summer Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, July 25th in the fellowship hall. It will be held from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Signup information is in the narthex or you may contact Cathy Abreu at (916) 216-6904

HAPPY STITCHERS STAY-IN RETREAT THIS SUMMER

The Happy Stitchers invite you to join them July 28th to August 1st from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for a Stay-In Retreat. Bring a craft; sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc. and come for a week of fun, fellowship, and crafts!

ATTENTION MINISTRY TEAMS... ITS BUDGET TIME!

Council has set the annual fall congregational meeting for Sunday, November 9th. The Finance team needs to have a proposed 2026 FELC budget to council by September 15th. Which means all FELC ministry teams need to have their proposed budget requests for 2026 submitted in writing to the Finance team by Sunday, August 10th.

SCRAP-BOOKING AND CRAFT DAY!

This summer, we are going to gather for one Saturday per month for fun, fellowship, and to exercise our creativity uninterrupted. Mark your calendars for August 16th, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Come early or late. Stay as long as you want. Visit with fellow crafters. You are welcome to bring friends. Gather your supplies and look forward to all of that elbow room in the fellowship hall. Questions, contact Marda Kirkwood at marda@q.com

HEALTHY CHURCHES DON'T JUST HAPPEN

In the past few years FELC has enjoyed a growing Sunday School, youth group program, worship attendance, and ministry budget. If you're aware of the spiritual landscape of our nation, these blessings aren't the norm for most congregations. The number one reason for all this is God's blessings. God's Spirit is moving in our community and amongst our members to make FELC a "light on a hill" that draws people into God's amazing grace and liberating truth. The second reason FELC enjoys these blessings is our members, and especially our leaders, who are dedicated to being good stewards of God's gifts. Our leaders know that "to whom much is given, much will be required" (Luke 12:48) and intentionally work together to create a leadership atmosphere of joyful devotion, earnest prayer, and servant leadership. FELC is currently looking for four members who would be willing to steward FELC's blessings and nurture this Christian leadership style for a three-year term (November 2025 - November 2028). If interested please contact our nominating chair, Chris Brooks 208-881-3352 or cwbsrv@gmail.com.

THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God; The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

#808

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENNY POWER:

July Penny Power funds will be used to purchase items for school backpacks. These backpacks are distributed to schools for children who may not be able to afford school supplies. A list of needed items is at the welcome window.

FULL-TIME FELC YOUTH DIRECTOR OPENING:

Our congregation and especially our youth have been blessed these past 2 years to have Dustin Jackson serving as our Part-Time Youth Coordinator. While it was hoped he might transition into being our Full-Time Youth Director, financial commitments and family priorities make it a wiser decision to continue pursuing his plumbing career. (Congratulate him on achieving journeyman plumber status this spring.) Some of the good news is Dustin will be staying on as our 10-hour/week Youth Coordinator during our search for a Full-Time Youth Director. So, it's time to get the word out about our important job opportunity. If you're friends with us on Facebook, please like, share/repost our job opening post. Talk to young adults or concerned parents about the opportunity. And, most definitely cover our church and youth in prayer for this important position to be filled by a qualified, caring, faithful shepherd of God's choosing. The full job description can be found on the website at www.firstlc.com.

FREE HANDBELL CLASS!

If you have ever thought about ringing handbells, here's your chance. We're offering to teach the basics of handbell ringing to anyone who is interested during the next couple of months. There is no set day of the week or time, as we are fairly flexible and can generally work with your schedule(s). If you are interested, please contact either Paul Bayless or Michelle Hanson.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God" p. 213



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who are baptized in Christ, and in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail this morning. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#581 "You Are Mine"

#670 "Build Us Up, Lord"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*“Running on Empty?”***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

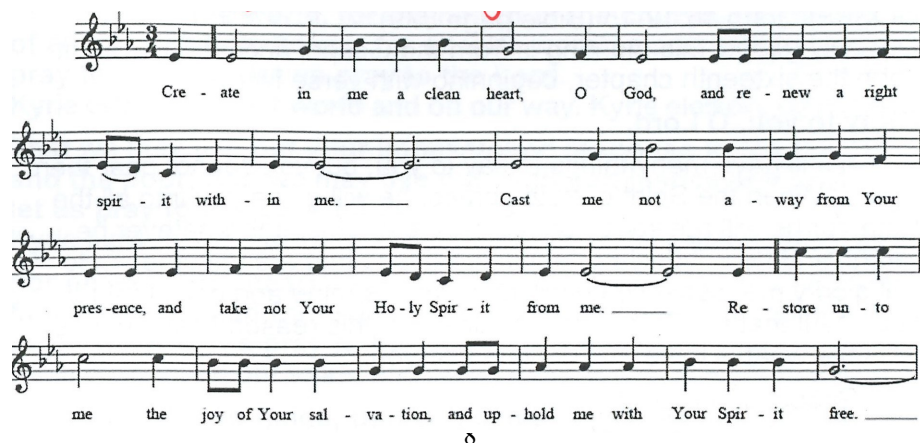
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

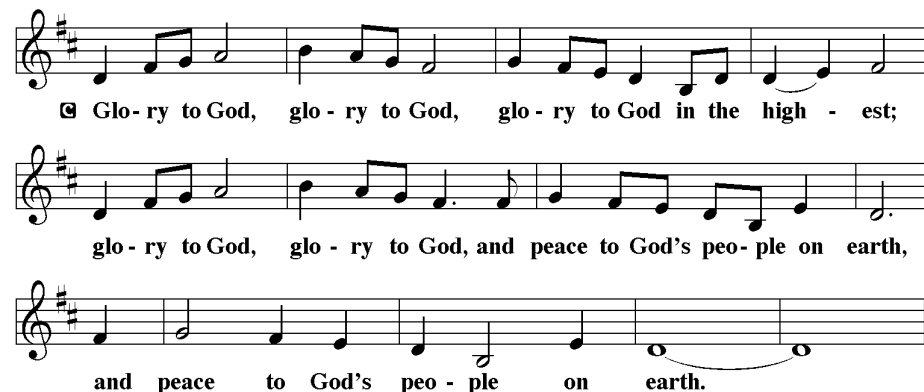
(Each petition will conclude with “Lord in your mercy;” the congregation responds with “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. _____ Cast me not a - way from Your
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. _____ Re - store un - to
me the joy of Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Your Spir - it free. _____



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible p. 12)

Genesis 18:1-10a

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of Genesis, chapter eighteen, beginning with verse one.

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a} Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

This is God’s word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 956*)

Colossians 1:15-28

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Colossae, chapter one, beginning with verse fifteen.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 845*)

Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter ten, beginning with verse thirty-eight.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Knauff

"Jesus' Airline Principle"

SONG OF THE DAY

#636

"How Small Our Span of Life"