

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**ACCOLYTES (Bringing in the Light)**

At the beginning of worship, the acolytes carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary. This symbolizes Christ's presence among the gathered people — a reminder that we don't create the light ourselves; God brings it to us.

As the candles are lit, we remember Jesus' words, "*I am the light of the world.*" Worship begins in that light.

**PRELUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Liturgist: Sherry Mills**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!**

And also with you!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*And now, Together we call our family to worship in this way:*  
**[Psalm 33, vs 1-3]**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**Praise befits the upright.**

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

**make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

Sing to him a new song;

**play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

**Together let us worship God!**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel;**  
**You have come to your people to set them free.**  
**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,**

**Born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets, you promised of old  
To save us from our enemies,  
From the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears  
And to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear  
Holy and righteous before you  
All the days of our lives. Amen**

**HYMN**      “Great God of Every Blessing”      Hymn #694

Great God of every blessing,  
of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness,  
the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you?  
Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely  
I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation,  
the source of endless grace,  
in death and life extending  
your covenant embrace.  
In Christ we are one body;  
each member has a part:  
sincerely and completely  
I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher,  
the light that guides our search,  
transforming broken people into the holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy,  
for wisdom you impart:  
Sincerely and completely  
I offer you my heart.

### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we  
appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek  
the order that is of our own making. We confess that**

**clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace.**

*And now in this moment of silence, those sins which are ours alone*  
**Forgive us, O God. Turn us again to your life-giving ways; teach us to do what is right with gentleness and reverence, to resist harm, and to seek the good with courage. By your Spirit, make us a people who embody your justice and tender care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI**      “Glory Be to the Father”      Hymn #581

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end, Amen.”

**ANTHEM**      “Thine Is The Kingdom”      Chancel Choir

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE      (NRSV UPDATED EDITION)**

<b><i>First Reading</i></b>	Genesis	12:1-9
p.7, OT		
<b><i>Psalm Reading</i></b>	Psalm	33:1-12
p.392, OT		
<b><i>Epistle Reading</i></b>	Romans	4:13-25
p.118, NT		
<b><i>Gospel Reading</i></b>	Matthew	9:9-13, 18-26
p.7, NT		

Genesis      12:1-9      p.7, OT

**12** Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Psalm            33:1-12                            p.392, OT

- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.  
Praise befits the upright.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord the heavens were made  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;  
he put the deeps in storehouses.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- <sup>9</sup> for he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> The counsel of the Lord stands forever,  
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Romans            4:13-25                            p.118, NT

<sup>3</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 p.7, NT

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      "The Credit of Righteousness"      Rick Mills

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. To the one**

**and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor  
and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)**

Hymnal p.35

*LET US PRAY RESPONSIVELY:*

God, Creator of all, we come before you, lamenting the  
sickness in our lives and in the world. We pray for your  
healing, praying,

**“God of power, heal us now.”** (4 responses)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Hymn #606

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

**In Christ's name we thank you. Amen.**

**THE COMMUNION (1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY EVERY MONTH)**

*This is the Lord's table, all are welcome.*

*The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after  
giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat.*

*This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

*In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.*

*"Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!"*

**HYMN**      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"      Hymn #829

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray;  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away;  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

**ACCOLYTES (Taking the Light Out)**

At the end of the service, the acolytes take the flame back out of the sanctuary. This is not extinguishing Christ's presence — it is sending it.

The light that gathered us now goes ahead of us into the world, where we are called to carry Christ's love, justice, and compassion into our daily lives.

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Because He Lives"

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

## **POSTLUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)

**This week's prayer:** God, we know you know how to water your earth to preserve and protect it in the best way possible. We pray for the rain to continue as needed to nurture this world. We pray this in Jesus' name.

### **Church Activities**

**Small Groups**-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 3:00 pm; Wed. 4:30 pm.

**Presbyterian Women**-recess until September.

**Social Connections**-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm.

**Quilting Group**-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room.

### **Outreach Ministries**

**Shower Ministry**-Thurs. from 2-6pm

**Meridian/Grace Market Place**-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

**CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)**-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

### **Church Calendar**

**6-4,15,17,18,22** **Judy is out of the office.**

**6-13** ARK/pets 9:00am WH

### **Financials**

2026 Financial Report/Operating Budget through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Total Received	Total Spent	Surplus
\$73,129	\$69,747	\$3,382

Month of May rental revenue through May \$1,850

(not including Blue Crab \$1,000 or 1% of profit)

Through May 31<sup>st</sup> YTD \$11,150

**The Brick Opportunity** *Let's get those orders in to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time. (#40)*

**For maximum profit all orders must be in by June 28th.**

For more details go to our website [fpcpalatka.com](http://fpcpalatka.com). **(profits through May \$3,014.63)**