

**May 10, 2026, 10:30 am**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to visit our Worship Corner in the front left of the Sanctuary for a variety of resources to help engage in worship. Childcare is available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery, which is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne Street side entrance. Restrooms are located underneath the Sanctuary, accessed via the stairs off the porch on the Princess Anne Street side or elevator, or in the Education Building next to the offices or kitchen, both with elevator access. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube.

***We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!***

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.  
**We say words in bold together.**

Prelude *I Love Thee* Franklin Ritter

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

**Faithful God, through rain and thunder you are with your people. Even when we turn our backs on you, your patience and tolerance abound, and you give us a new start, time and time again. Thank you for pouring your grace over us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Introit *This is the Time for Praise!* Douglas Nolan, arr.  
Youth Choir

Call to Worship based on Psalm 66:8-20 Julie Chewning

Bless our God, O peoples! Give the Lord a thunderous welcome!  
**God set us on the road to life and has not let our feet slip.**  
That's not to say we haven't been through testing and trials,  
**but God has brought us back again and again.**  
Come and hear, believers, let us tell what God has done for us.  
**Blessed be the Lord, who hears our prayers and stays with us in love.**

✠Hymn 15 (vv. 1-4) *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,*  
*sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.*  
*Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Caroline Raska

Scripture Interpretation: *Genesis 6-9*

*The Two by Two Zoo Cruise* Michael & Jill Gallina

*Once Upon an Ark*

*Gonna Build a Boat*

*Two by Two Zoo Cruise*

*The Rain Came Pourin' Down!*

*The Rainbow's Promise*

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Affirmation of Faith based on Romans 1:16-17, 3:22-24

Jesse Chewning

**It's news I'm most proud to proclaim, this extraordinary Message of God's powerful plan to rescue everyone who trusts him, starting with Jews and then right on to everyone else! God's way of putting people right shows up in the acts of faith, confirming what Scripture has said all along: "The one who is righteous will live by faith." . . . But in our time something new has been added. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. . . . Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity God put us in right standing with Godself. A pure gift. God got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where God always wanted us to be. Thanks be to God for the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!**

✠Hymn 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*REFRAIN Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN*

Celebrating our Graduates (See Insert) Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

**May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline.**

**May God give you courage to explore new things.**

**May the Spirit work in you that in all you do you may serve God.**

**May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and  
to walk humbly with God.**

**May you always know that Christ goes with you.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Jesse Chewning

**... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ...**

Presentation of Offerings

Caroline Raska

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be placed in the plates at the Sanctuary entrance. We also give thanks to God for offerings given via mail and online at [fredericksburgpc.org/give](http://fredericksburgpc.org/give).

✠Doxology (Hymn 609) *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SENDING

✠Hymn 80      *You Shall Go Out with Joy (The Trees of the Field)*  
*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude                                      *Marche Pontificale*                                      Gordon Young  
*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.*



***Two by Two Zoo Cruise Cast***

Nathan Milford, Caroline Raska, Julie Chewning  
Riley Eland, Oliver Morris, Quinn Morris, Althea Harvey  
Aubrey Raska, Caroline Bothel, Eliza Harvey, Saige Morris  
Mary Grace Raska, Rowan Eland, Penelope Land  
Andrew Milford, Owen Hendricks, Theo Hendricks

***Serving in Worship Today:***

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: The Valasko Family

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Vicky and Marty Wilder

Videographers: Kristen Betsill, Les Johnson

*All Creatures of Our God and King*—Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225: trans. Composite; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623, alt; harm.

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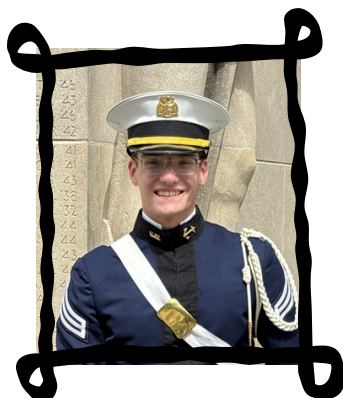
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 Congratulations Graduates! 



**Anders Bothel** is graduating from King George High School. Anders will be going to college to study music at Christopher Newport University.

**Katie Fidler** is graduating from The University of Virginia. Katie is pursuing an M.S. in Technology and Policy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with an anticipated technical concentration and research focus in climate change mitigation.



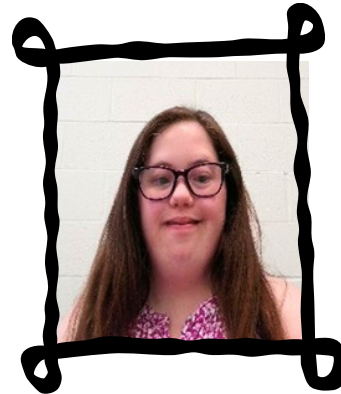
**Alex Fino** is graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History. Alex has also earned a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Following his commissioning, Alex will report to Norfolk, VA for training and assignment to his first ship, USS MAHAN (DDG 72).

# Congratulations Graduates!



**Grace Fino** is graduating Cum Laude from James Madison University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology and a concentration in neuroscience. Grace plans to work in the medical field for a couple of years before applying to medical school.

**Eva Lewis** is graduating from George Mason University, in the Mason Life program. Eva will be going into early childhood education with preschool/kindergarten age children and possibly getting into special ed as well.



**Jackson Valasko** is graduating from the International Baccalaureate program at Spotsylvania High School. Jackson will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall and plans to major in biology and minor in health, ethics and society.