



RISING STRONG

Living Out the
Resurrection

*Peter,
do you love me?*



First  United

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First United Methodist Church

Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

May 17, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude Partita on "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (A. Clarke)
Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastor Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (C. Wesley)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, help us to forgive ourselves,

People: To not shut people out and judge them.

Leader: We have failed, but we all deserve a second chance.

People: Grace, in forgiving, changes our hearts.

All: Peace be with you.

*Hymn No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Common Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we gather before you today thankful and grateful that we serve you, our Redeemer, our God of the second chance. You know the depths of our soul and our tendency to stray from you. Remind us that the way we live and the words we speak reveal our faith. Forgive us when we walk in ways that are contrary to your truth. Remind us that in confessing our sins, we can rise from our mistakes to move forward in your forgiving love, in order to share that love with others. Transform our minds and reveal your Spirit within us. Open us to the generosity of forgiveness and giving second chances. To you be all honor and glory. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 100 (*pew Bible, OT, p. 522*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem "To God Be the Glory" (arr. Pepper Choplin)
Chapel Choir– Peter Omundsen, Director

(10:45 AM) Anthem

“Refuge”
from *These Ancient Words*
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

(Heather Sorenson)

Celebrate Sunday School!

Preparation for Prayer, No. 130 “God Will Take Care of You” (refrain)

Pastoral Prayer

(10:45 AM) The Lord’s Prayer

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 398

“Jesus Calls Us”

Scripture

John 21:15-19

(*pew Bible, NT, p. 109*)

Message

Rising Strong: Living out the Resurrection
Week 3: “Rising from Denial”
Pastor Laura Sambrick

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881

Apostles’ Creed

*Song of Praise, No. 174

“His Name Is Wonderful”

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord’s Supper

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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. Amen.

Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

**Loving Christ, You call us by name and ask us, “Do you love me?”
In our weakness and uncertainty, help us answer with our lives. Forgive
us when we fail to follow you fully. Restore us with your grace, and
lead us again into your service. Teach us to care for one another with
compassion, courage, and humility. As you called Peter, call us to follow
wherever you lead, trusting that your love is greater than our fear.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Receiving the Offering

(8:15 AM)

"Victory in Jesus"
Bill Crabtree, piano

(Eugene Bartlett)

(10:45 AM)

Camp Meeting Medley
Ruth Crabtree, soprano
Christine Fitzgerald, alto; Paul Richer, tenor

*Doxology, No. 160 “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (stanza 5)

*Hymn No. 172 “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (stanza 1)

Postlude “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (arr. I. Gritchekine)
Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Acolyte - Natalie Reed
Liturgist - Mark & Ellen Campbell
Sound Tech - Jim Day
Projector– Christian Faux

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Liturgist - Jeff Fisher
Sound Tech - Wayne Betty
Projector/Livestream– Christian Faux

Pastors– Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

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CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND? Our partnership with Chestnut Housing Corporation to help provide affordable housing in our part of Lancaster City began earlier this year. Within the past month, we have prepped three apartments for new tenants who will move in soon!

Would you be part of the process to make their transition from temporary to permanent housing successful? One couple is looking for a double bed (or larger), sheets & towels, and supplies to set up their kitchen – dishes, silverware, pots and pans. If you can donate any of these items, please contact Bonnie at bonniesstjohn@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting this vital mission of First Church!

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE MAY 25th, 6 PM


You're invited to embrace simplicity in a chaotic world with Taizé worship—an evening prayer service featuring meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise, times of silence, and contemporary Scripture-based chants. Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month at 6PM in our restful candlelit sanctuary

BUILDING CLOSED: SAT JUNE 6th Please take note that the church building is closed on Sat, June 6th due to the Red Rose Run taking place in the city. No groups will meet that day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL– June 22-26, 6-8 PM

Come be part of the fun and help us make this year's VBS a smashing success! Many helpers in all areas are wanted: performers for the Worship Rally, Bible storytellers, game leaders, snack helpers and more! Donations are also needed for all kinds of things! If you want to help in any way, sign up with the QR code (on other side) or use your Connect Card.

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Congregational Meeting

All Welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 31:

- **One COMBINED Worship Service - 10 AM**
- **Pancake Breakfast-Immediately following**

On May 31, we invite you to join us for a special day in the life of our church as we gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 AM. This will be a meaningful time for our whole congregation to come together in unity, prayer, and praise led by our confirmation group.

After a shared meal, we will hold an important congregational meeting to discuss the church's current financial situation. This conversation will help keep everyone informed and allow us to reflect together on our shared stewardship and future direction.

Your presence matters—not only in worship, but also in the life and decisions of our church. We hope you'll be able to stay for the entire time.



for Brunch!



VBS

JUNE 22-26, 6-8 PM

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