

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Worship the King”

Arr.: Roger C. Wilson

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Strickland, Liturgist

Leader: Let us sing of God’s steadfast love forever;

People: With my mouth I will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Let us declare that God’s steadfast love is established forever;

People: God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #60 *(see bulletin)*

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Caswall/Barnby/GERMAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others. Let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people.

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #410 *(see bulletin)*

“Near to the Heart of God”

Cleland B. McAfee

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Ellen Jane Lorenz

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalm 13

ANTHEM

“If We Ever Needed the Lord Before”

Dorsey

SECOND READING:

I Kings 19:1-18

SERMON

“A Whisper of Hope”

Austin Pounds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #833** *(see bulletin)*

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Matheson/Peace

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Friends, trust in God’s steadfast love; let your hearts rejoice in God’s salvation. Sing praises to the Lord because God has dealt bountifully with us.

People: **Let us go forth into this new week grounded in grace, fearless in God’s love, and unashamed in our faith. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”

August Reinhard

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder of the Month: Joan White

Sunday, June 28 at 12:15 p.m. Cornerstones -VSU theatre trip
Wednesday, July 1 at 1 p.m. Blessing Bags meeting
Wednesday, July 1 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Long Horn Steakhouse
Friday, July 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NO Finance meeting in July
Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at BBQ Pit
Thursday, July 9 at NOON. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road
Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m. Christian Service
Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Dalton's
Monday, July 20 at 1 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting at Dairy Queen
NO SESSION IN JULY
Wednesday, July 22 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE at Margarita's

Mark Your August Calendars:

Saturday, August 1 FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING at our church! .
Sunday, August 2 at Noon – THRIVE youth fun park trip
Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study
(5-week study begins, using *Second Thoughts About Hell* by Allen & Cornwall)
Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. OUR TIME – GAMES!
Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE – alternative worship, fellowship & discussion
Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPERS RESUME!!

DINNER AT FIVE

This Wednesday, July 1, our Dinner at Five crew will meet up at LongHorn Steakhouse at 5 p.m.. Please let the office know by tomorrow (Monday) afternoon if you are interested: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com. *Check the bulletin board & lobby tables for the full summer schedule.*

HELPING HANDS BOX: SERENITY HOUSE

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR SERENITY HOUSE, our local refuge for victims of domestic violence. Serenity House needs these items: non-perishable food items, hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, trash bags, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, diapers/wipes, new socks and new women's under-wear.