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Service of Worship for
the Seventh Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP at
FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Confirmation Sunday is celebrated when baptized members of the congregation make a public profession of faith and are received into membership of the church. Our usher team is Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle (fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email fanwooddeacons@gmail.com.

REFERENCES

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SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments.

** indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

JOIN FANWOOD CHURCH FOR THE ANNUAL
SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD PARADE!

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LET PASTOR STACY KNOW IF YOU'LL BE
AROUND AND WANT TO JOIN IN THE FUN

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHILI COOKING

COOK WITH US AFTER WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 7! PLEASE EMAIL
JOY AT JOYMHENRY01@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MAY 12

VOICES OF RESISTANCE

The Bible's Songs of Victory, Peace, and Protest

TUESDAYS AT 1 PM AT FANWOOD CHURCH

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

FPC Vacation Bible Study
Join us for a week of faith + fun!
August 10-14, 2026
Visit www.fanwoodpc.org
for more information.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Piano Sonata in E Major" by F. J. Haydn

Luyang Liu

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG #106

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His Name. (sing twice)*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rhaena Lindemann

One: We come to this place from all different directions.

All: Some of us are doing fine.

Some of us are carrying something heavy.

Some of us are feeling lost

and missing our loved ones.

One: We come because we have heard that God meets us here.

All: We know that that in the middle of our searching,

God has a message meant for us.

One: We have heard it before and we have come back for it again.

All: We gather here because God has never *not* shown up.

One: Come, let us worship the God who finds us where we are;

All: the God who is the message when we need it most.

One: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN #429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

Libby Schwartz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we forget what you have shown us. We forget that every person is made in your image, and that everyone has value and dignity, and deserves love and respect, no matter what they have done in the past. We forget to show grace. We forget to forgive ourselves when we make mistakes, even though you never expected us to be perfect. We forget that you will let us try again.

Forgive us. Remind us today that your grace is bigger than our mistakes, and that in you, we always get another chance. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #582 "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Samantha Howell

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

* HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Charlotte Donofrio
Rochelle Lindemann
Katelyn Schwartz

SCRIPTURE READING *John 21:15–17*

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

REFLECTION

LAYING ON OF HANDS & PRAYER

RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from our confirmands' statements of faith*

Poppy Muhlstock

OFFERTORY "It's Gonna Be Good" by Taya

Liz Smith, Alexa Teebo

We believe God is the creator of all things: the world, the people we love, and the lives we get to live. Every person is made in God's image, with value and dignity, deserving of love and respect, no matter what they may have done in the past.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

We believe that Jesus didn't just talk about loving people, he actually did it. He trusts us, and knows we can live our lives in his image. We believe that through the love of Christ, death is not the end of life. It is the start of a new life in a different form, and one day we will be reunited with the ones we have loved.

CONFIRMAND

MENTOR

PROJECT

Owen Castellano	Christian Butler	<i>cleaning and creating a Youth Lounge</i>
Charlotte Donofrio	Sue Kelly	<i>volunteering with the preschool</i>
Samantha Howell	Tracy Butler	<i>supporting our children's ministry</i>
Rhaena Lindemann	Emily Sena	<i>developing our church Instagram</i>
Rochelle Lindemann	Linda Macari	<i>leading youth Bible study</i>
Cole Muhlstock	Andrew Stewart	<i>cleaning and creating a Youth Lounge</i>
Poppy Muhlstock	Claudia Heffner	<i>food drive for food bank ministry</i>
Katelyn Schwartz	Carol Thomson	<i>beautifying the Memorial Garden</i>
Libby Schwartz	Andrea Hill	<i>beautifying the Memorial Garden</i>

We believe that the Holy Spirit is everywhere. It finds us when we are lost and becomes the message we need. We have questions and doubts, but nobody has to have everything figured out before they walk through the door of the church. God loves everyone, and the church should make that obvious. This is our faith, and the faith of the church we serve. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

* DOXOLOGY *to the tune of #455 "All Creatures of our God and King"*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do, with God's help.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Owen Castellano

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN #2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Do you intend to be a faithful member of this congregation — to share in its worship and mission, to give of your time and gifts, and to walk with this community through all that lies ahead? **I do, with God's help.**

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Cole Muhlstock

POSTLUDE Variations on "Here I Am, Lord"

Luyang Liu