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Service of Worship for
the Sixth Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP at
FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team is Mike Camfield, Steve Falloon and Kris Adams. Our music team is led by Alexa Teebo and Luyang Liu, with guest musicians Liz Smith and AV support from Jason Rivera. 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*



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Confirmation
Sunday

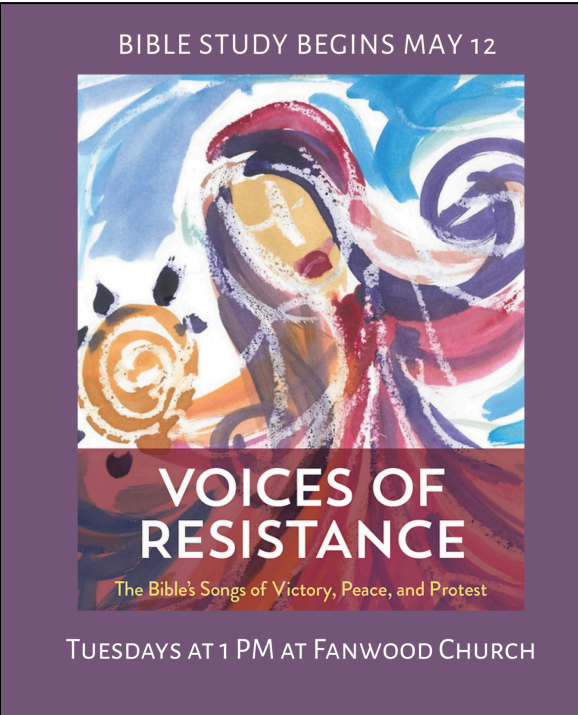
May 17, 2026
at 10:30 am



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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



RAINFORREST 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 "Beethoven Symphony No. 7, Movement 2"

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

One: Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

All: Because we are waiting for a sign from the Lord.

One: The Spirit has been poured out. The work is before you.

All: But what if we get it wrong? What if we choose poorly?

One: God has not called you to faithfulness, not certainty.

All: Then we will stop looking up, and start showing up.

One: Together, in the presence of the Spirit who leads us,

All: we will do our best guess at God's will, and trust that is enough.

One: Come, let us worship the God who goes with us into the work.

All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship together!

* OPENING HYMN #144 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are not always sure what to do, and that we often use that uncertainty as an excuse to do nothing at all. We look up at the sky, waiting for a sign, when you have already shown us where to begin. We claim your guidance for our own desires. We mistake paralysis for patience, and inaction for humility. And then, we confess that we have rushed past discernment, called our preferences your will, and acted not in community but in isolation, convinced that we already knew the answer.

Forgive us, Lord. Call us back from the sky and into the messy, uncertain, faithful work of following you. Remind us that your call on our lives does not depend on our ability to hear it clearly, and that you do not leave us to navigate this alone. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #122 "Thine is the Glory"

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth, Death has lost its sting.*

Refrain

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Higher Ground" by Oatman & Gabriel

Liz Smith, Alexa Teebo

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 1:1-11*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Alabaster Box" by Cece Winans

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ

through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

*Praise God through whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit ever more!
Praise Triune God whom we adore;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN #144 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" *verses 3 & 4*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Behold the Lamb" by K. Getty

Luyang Liu