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Service of Worship for  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME TO WORSHIP at  
**FANWOOD**

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Diana Shoback and Sue Kelly. Our music team is led by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and guest musicians Liz Smith, with 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*



**Memorial Garden Work Day**

Saturday, May 9  
Starting at 10 AM

Bring your shovels or trowels to dig in the dirt!




FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Confirmation Sunday**

May 17, 2026  
at 10:30 am

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](http://www.fanwoodpc.org)  
for more information.

## GATHERING

PRELUDE "Messiah Overture" by Handel

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: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

**All: We come seeking the peace that Christ gives.**

One: In God's house there is room for all.

**All: We come trusting that we belong.**

One: Christ is the way, drawing us into love and truth.

**All: We come to follow, even when the path is unclear.**

One: The Spirit is at work among us, calling us forward.

**All: We come to be shaped, sent, and renewed.**

One: Let us worship the God who welcomes, abides, and leads.

**All: We come with open hearts to praise God together.**

One: Let us worship God!

\* OPENING HYMN #108 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" *verses 1-3*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us what to do. But we do not believe all you have said to us, and we do not trust what you have shown us. You demonstrate your love and justice to us, and yet we still choose what is easier and less demanding of who we are.**

**Forgive us, O God. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Unsettle us where we need it, and help us to trust your promise that you are already at work within us. By your Spirit, make us bold in love, steadfast in hope, and ready to follow where Christ leads. In His 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.*

*No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.* 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.**

SCRIPTURE *John 14: 1-14*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

## RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Behold the Lamb" by K. Getty

Liz Smith, Alexa Teebo

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, and the mission of reconciliation entrusted to the church, are the heart of the gospel.**

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all.**

**The church is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This church community is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.**

\* 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!***

## COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC "Quejas o la Maja y el Ruisenor" by Granados

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN #108 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" *verses 4 & 5*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Honey in the Rock" by Lake, Ligertwood and Wong