

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Ethan Blair
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Alex & Hannah Eby
Musicians: Alex, Hannah, John, and Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday. In case of emergency, contact the pastor via cell.

IT'S A GREAT PROBLEM! We are so excited that our registration for Creator's Camp is growing rapidly. This means we will have an awesome opportunity to connect with lots of kids ages 4-12 in our community to share the love of Jesus with them. However, **WE NEED MORE HELP!** If you can volunteer, please register at <https://forms.gle/wgnfvqBXioMJoX1A> or let Pastor Stephanie know. Volunteers show up on the Wednesday afternoon of their choosing between June 15-August 10 from 1pm-4pm and join kids in their activities. Volunteer for one Wednesday or more!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: We will be reading *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth* by Debra Rienstra. The book explores how Christian spirituality and practice must adapt to prepare for life on a climate-altered planet.

Conversations will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, May 31-June 21. Attend in person or via Zoom! Watch for a sign-up sheet or reach out to Dani Postma (SPM) at dpostma@dbq.edu.

CREATOR'S CAMP BEGINS JUNE 15! Sign up today at <https://forms.gle/rCX5KrcV3VCQtxxz8>. FPC is teaming up with St. Luke's UMC, First Congregational UCC, and Westminster PC(USA) to provide children ages 4-12 an awesome opportunity to learn about God's creativity and how we can live into it! Attendees will learn new skills, hear Bible stories, meet new friends, and create new things. *Register the children in your life for one, some, or all Wednesdays between June 15-August 10 from 1pm-4pm. This FREE summer camp at St. Luke's UMC is sure to be a hit!*

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! Interested in what FPC is all about? Wondering how to get connected on a deeper level? Thinking about what becoming a member of the church may look like? Pastor Stephanie would love to talk with you. Contact her at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or (507)227-8537.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline to submit materials for the June Newsletter is 9:00am Tuesday, May 31.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for Administrative Assistant Ginger Vander Broek, beginning after Memorial Day, will be Monday and Wednesday 11:00am-2:30pm from home and Thursday 11:30-1:30 at FPC. Hours may vary slightly from week to week.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00am during the school year, and worship at 10:15am. Nursery care is located in the basement and is provided during both the Sunday School and worship hour for children through age 5.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

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| Sun. May 29 | 10:15am | Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching |
| Mon. May 30 | | Memorial Day—Office closed |
| Tue. May 31 | 9:00am 7:00pm | June Newsletter deadline Refugia Book Club in person or via Zoom |
| Wed. June 1 | 11:00am | Young at Heart @ Village Inn |
| Sat. June 4 | 8:00am 9:00am 11:00am | Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz Officer envisioning meeting Session |
| Sun. June 5 | 10:15am | Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion |

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through May 16 totaled \$9,240.

- Offerings Year to Date through April 30- \$46,203
- Expenses Year to Date through April 30- \$51,783

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons for the month of May: Jamie Dillman & Judy Sheridan

Pastor Stephanie's office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. Contact her anytime with prayer requests or pastoral care needs at 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com

Admin Office Hours* for Ginger Vander Broek are 11:00am-2:30pm Monday (home), Wednesday (home), and 11:30am-1:30pm Thursday (at FPC). *Office hours may change slightly week to week.

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MAY 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| MINUTE FOR MISSION | Refugia Book Club | Dani Postma |
| PRELUDE | “Ocean, Ocean” "Simple Gifts" | N. Faber arr. L. Smith |

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

The eternal God, the source of love and light, created all people. Jesus Christ, the risen one, lives among all people. The Spirit, the holy fire, is available to renew people. May we be awakened to and inspired by God’s surprising work among us.

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light is spreading.
It started off one Easter when tombstones rolled
and graves were found empty, Jesus was alive.
The news spread
from disciple to apostle, from followers to strangers.
It spread like a fire among us, this news of new life.
It spreads still today here in this place, among us
who dare believe that life and death is not all there is.
In this place new light is streaming,
the Good News still has power to unfold and renew.

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Siyahamba”
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (2x)
We are marching, we are marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)
Si-ya hamb’e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos (4x)
Si-ya hamb’e, Si-ya hamb’e,
O si-ya hamb’e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos, (2x)
We are living in the love of God...

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

We confess that the comfortable and abundant places we call home sometimes constrain us from seeing the world as you see it and leave us unable to recognize how those same comforts are denied to others.
Loosen our chains and set us free.
(Silent Confession)
We confess that our anxieties about not having enough can keep us from recognizing the ways others are exploited by the same systems from which we benefit.
Loosen our chains and set us free.
(Silent Confession)

We admit we find ourselves confined by the ability to meet our own needs, and so we fail to recognize the needs of those for whom opportunities are regularly denied.
Loosen our chains and set us free.
(Silent Confession)
We recognize that we lock ourselves behind walls and closed doors and let our fears become a prison of our own making; rather than face uncertainties with courage and trust.
Loosen our chains and set us free.
(Silent Confession)
We confess we let our relationships of love and friendship chain us to limited worldviews, experiences, and cultures.
Loosen our chains and set us free.

SILENT CONFESSION
(Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and freed to try again.

*GLORIA PATRI #734

SPECIAL MUSIC
“Spiritoso from Sonata No. 2”
Telemann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Acts 16:16-34
p. 1721

SERMON
“The Unexpected Acts of God: An Ironie Escape”

*SONG OF RESPONSE
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free;
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone. I've been set free;
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

*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; He descended into hell; 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Back cover of hymnal)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY "How Can I Keep from Singing?"
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #366
"And Can It Be” vv. 1,3,4

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Triumph and Thanksgiving"

*Those who are able, please stand.

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Coffee Hour Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Greeters: Mark & Deb Stant
Coffee Fellowship hosts: The Postmas
Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)