

Fairview Presbyterian Church
May 10, 2026 • 6th Sunday of Easter

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clara Gilbert

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;
we behold God's glory.

God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet.

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones.

Sing praises to God; sing praises.

For God is Sovereign over all the earth!

Sing praises to our God; sing praises!

OPENING PRAYER

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Lord God of power and might, we are breathless when we behold your glory. Shape our words into praise and our actions to be a reflection of your goodness. Keep our feet on the earth and your good news on our lips, that we may bring truth where there is deception, hope where there is fear, liberation where there is oppression, and abundance to those who hunger and thirst, in the name of Jesus the Christ, whom alone we worship and serve. **Amen.**

*HYMN #45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Despite our best attempts to have faith in Christ, we know we have not always lived up to our calling. But we are children of the Most High, and we are invited to bring these confessions before God, that we might find peace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ who was and is and is to come,
we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there.
Forgive us for believing that you have left us.
Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us.
Forgive us for waiting idly for your return,
instead of doing the work you have called us to do.
You are above us, around us, before us, and within us;
help us to embody you in our time and place,
today, tomorrow, and forevermore.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this astounding truth:

Christ is the one who reigns on high,
Christ is the one with the power to judge us,
and Christ is the one who offers us
eternal love, forgiveness, and mercy.

All praise to Christ who lived, died, and lives again! Alleluia!

SUNG RESPONSE(Gloria) G2G #552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 68:4-10, 33-35

ANTHEM

"Thy Word"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-53

SERMON

"We Are Witnesses"

Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN #97

"Sing Praise to God"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus

proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to
repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

CALL FOR OFFERING

God has given us the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world. Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, that others may know this glorious news.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY G2G #710 "We Lift Our Voices"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;

We lift our lives up to You; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;

Lord, use our lives; they are Yours;

We are an offering; we are an offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and his power at work in our lives and our gifts. Bless these gifts for the work they enable, bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth as we love and serve you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN#692 (G2G) "Spirit Open My Heart"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE G2G #543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice,

God, be the strength to now uphold me,

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you.
And also with you. Amen.