

Fairview Presbyterian Church
May 17, 2026 • 7th Sunday of Easter

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Doug Weaver

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

For God's Spirit dwells in us, we are God's temple.

We belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER Doug Weaver

Faithful God, through all the ages, you have kept your promises.

You have freed us from the powers of scarcity and death for

abundant new life. Stay with us as we wait and watch for your

Spirit with excitement and hope, that we may experience your

love and share it with our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN #1 "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not reject our prayers. God does not withdraw love from us. Even when we fail to love others and struggle to love ourselves, God's love is steadfast. Let us lift our prayers to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep

your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt

those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we

are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the

power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live

as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we

have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live

because Christ lives.

This is the Christ who forgives us.

This is the God who is in us.

This is the Spirit who is with us.

Alleluia! Praise be to God!

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 Doug Weaver

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING Acts 1:1-5, 12-14

ANTHEM "In The Garden"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON "The Gift of Babel" Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN #139 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from: *A Brief Statement of Belief*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a

covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother

who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs

to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

CALL FOR OFFERING

God has given us the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world. God has given us the Spirit; present and active in our work and worship. Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, that others may receive that which God wills for all people.

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

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of

the abundance of your love. We are grateful to receive your love

and grateful to be able to give it. Bless these gifts and our lives

together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the

name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN#53 (G2G) "O God Who Gives Us Life" (see back page)

*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.