

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE

- * HYMN OF COMMITMENT 594 *We Are Your People*
- * CHARGE & BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION *(all Sing)*
May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:
PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Tom Copple Family.
John Lipe. Garry Grau. Peggy Burger, Brenda Long, Robert Long.
PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS : Mavis friend, Mr. & Mrs. Miller. Jonathan Roberson's sister, Chrisse. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia’s son. Debbie Garcia, niece of Yolanda Garcia. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple. John Mark’s great-granddaughter, Ilene.

Prayers for this church in transition.
Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.

Calendar of Events

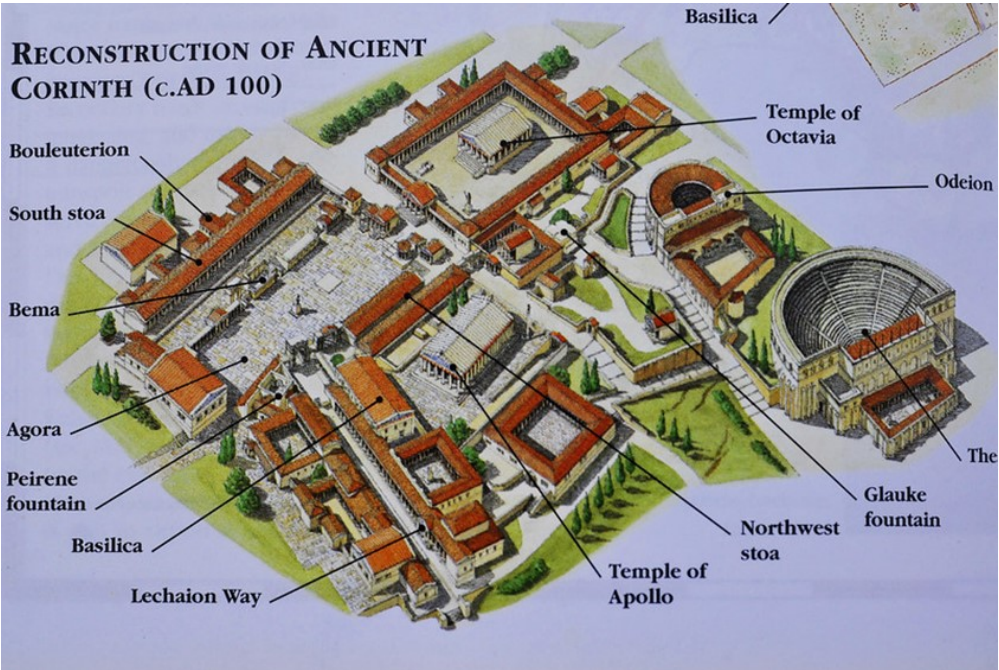
<u>Wednesday, 6/5</u> 7:00 pm Handbell rehearsal—CR	<u>Wednesday, 6/12</u> 7:00 pm Handbell rehearsal—CR
<u>Thursday, 6/6</u> 6:30 pm PNC Meeting	<u>Sunday, 6/16</u> 8:30 am United Methodist Worship Service 9:30 am Morning Bible Study <i>The Promised Land</i> — 10:30 am Worship
<u>Sunday, 6/9</u> 8:30 am United Methodist Worship Service 9:30 am Morning Bible Study <i>The Promised Land</i> — 10:30 am Worship	<u>Thursday, 6/20</u> 6:30 pm Session—DH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 2, 2024 10:30 AM

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God
and to one another as we follow Christ.*



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Robert P. Reno, MDiv, Ph.D.
Liturgist: Tom Steinmeier
Pianist: Dr. Spencer Hartman
Oboist: Dr. Jordan Hastings
Director of Music: Alexa Brown
Violinist: Dr. Isaias Ferreira

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GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE Air from Water Music G. F. HANDEL

- * CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) TOM STEINMEIER Sing aloud to the God of our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day. For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. He made a decree to Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. He is the Lord our God, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt. Let us praise his name!

- * HYMN OF PRAISE 33 Let’s Sing Unto the Lord (vs.1, instrumental interlude, vs.2)

CALL TO CONFESSION My friends, we come into the house of the Lord trusting, not in our own goodness, but in God’s grace and mercy. God is ready to forgive all those who confess their sins and are truly contrite. Let us look into our hearts and make a full and open confession of what we have been, even as we are made over in that which God would have us to be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Lord of hosts, we confess that we are weak, unable on our own to defeat the enemies of our souls. Rather than living by faith, we give in to our fears, and live in their darkness. Even as you delivered your people of old from their enemies, so deliver us also from all evil. By the same Spirit that strengthened our forebears both to believe and to act according to your promises, strengthen us also to serve you faithfully, that we may be victorious over all the forces of darkness within us and around us. In Jesus’ name we raise this prayer to you, O God, even now in the silence of our hearts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON May the God of mercy who forgives all our sins strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. The peace of God be with you all. And also with you! Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

- * PASS THE PEACE
- * GLORIA 732 (sung responsively) Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

One God in three, the holy Trinity, great God my Lord, your love has set me free, freed me from sin to life eternally. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Guide us, O God, and prepare our hearts to hear your word. Pour your grace and strength into us as we listen for your Spirit. Help us to find the truth that shall set us free, and lead us to that place where your light brings unending joy. All this we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON MARK 2: 23 –3:6
SECOND LESSON 2 CORINTHIANS 4: 5-12
SERMON Dearly Beloved, Part 1 REV. ROBERT RENO
CHORAL MEDITATION Find Peace RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM AND AREN NEWELL WILLIAMS

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from THE CONFESSION OF 1967 Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- * HYMN OF FAITH 89 Rise, Shine, You People!

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to faith. You may also bring your tithes and other offerings. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.

CALL TO COMMUNION Jesus said: Come unto me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for am I gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created then to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

738 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (all sing)

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy, your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, showing them to be the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, forever and ever.

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.

BLESSING, SERVING, AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AT THE OPEN TABLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Ava Maria BACH/GOUNOD Elegie JULES MASSENET

PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED (unison) Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.