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6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Pastor Eric Garner

*This service is being livestreamed Prelude through Postlude, and is available for public viewing.

<u>Meditation</u>

"'Perfection' consists not of a long list of hard moral commands dutifully obeyed but of a character formed by overflowing generous love." ~ N.T. Wright

Prelude		Ben Marti	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Eric Garner	
Introit		Ben Marti	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 92:1-2, 11-15	Pastor Eric Garner	
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. You plant the righteous in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap. May we together show that the Lord is upright. You, God, are my rock, and there is no unrighteousness within you.			
Нуми	O God in Whom All Life Begins	GTG 308	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Pastor Eric Garner	
Covenanting God, You know us before we know ourselves, You know that we are meant to experience life to the full, And you know that this will come from knowing you. Yet we so often choose to sever relationship with you. We cut ties with others. We lose sight of who we truly are. But you call us back to life again and again; In you all things are made new. Make us new this day. Make us hunger for the beauty and goodness of your love. Give us a thirst for your justice and peace. May our hearts be restless until they rest in you. Amen.			

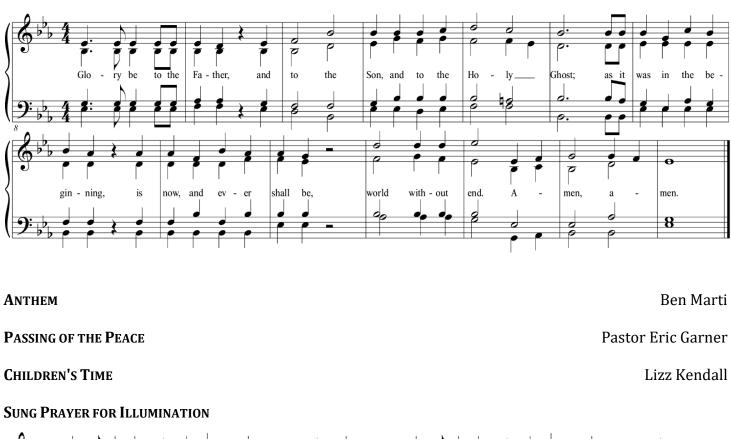
SILENT PRAYER

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ all of our hopes are answered! In Jesus we encounter the redemptive love of God.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for

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whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:22-26

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22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

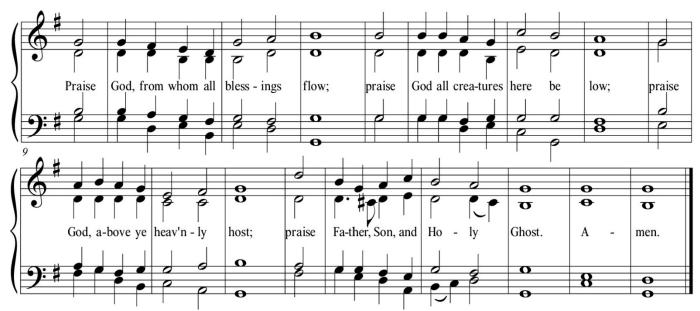
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

Sermon	The Cultivated Life	Pastor Eric Garner
Нуми	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	GTG 286
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Eric Garner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti

CONNECT CARDS

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card located in the pew in front of you, then place it in the offering plate when it's passed. We want to get to know and welcome you to FPC!



Thank you, FPC Deacons, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers!

If you are interested in sponsoring the Sunday worship flowers, please sign up on the FPC website, or call the church office and we'd be glad to help get you signed up!

CALENDAR

Monday, May 26:	All Day Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 28:	6:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Workshop FPC Chapel
Sunday, June 1:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion FPC Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 4:	6:00 p.m. Love They Neighbor Book Club <i>Are Prisons Obsolete?</i> by Angela Davis FPC Narthex
Sunday, June 8:	10:00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Worship Service and Graduate Blessings FPC Sanctuary

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