

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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Meditation

“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.

HYMN

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

Pastor Eric Garner

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.**

GLORIA

Gloria

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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ANTHEM

Ben Marti

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lizz Kendall

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. — Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

Karen Anderson

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

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

Pastor Eric Garner

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

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GTG 286

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be low; praise
God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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
Are Prisons Obsolete? by Angela Davis
FPC Narthex
- Sunday, June 8:** 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday Worship Service and Graduate Blessings
FPC Sanctuary

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

FPC Session ~ Elders

Jim Connors, President | Brad Leiding, Treasurer | Joyce Prahm, Clerk of Session
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