



First Presbyterian Church
201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

May 10, 2026 – 6th Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out.
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 242 *“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Response

“Glory be to the Father”

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Listen to God’s Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

*Song of Preparation

“Lord, Prepare Me”

Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

New Testament Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

New Testament pg 137

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

New Testament pg 234

Psalter

Psalms 66:8-20

Old Testament pg 528

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21

New Testament pg 109

Message

“Even the best swimmers can drown”

Dr. Paul Yoder

*Hymn 735

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Response

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry

Special Music Opportunity - Would you or a visiting relative like to share music with the Church this summer? Mark Jennings will be organizing a spreadsheet online for people to sign up. Look for an email with the link and check in with friends and relatives who enjoy sharing music!

Clothes Closet Laundry Day - We are once again collecting quarters for the Clothes Closet's Laundry Day. Ten dollars will sponsor one family for a month. Quarters may be brought to the church and dropped in the offering later left in the church office. If you are interested in helping from 1:00-3:00 at Scrubby Duds the third Saturday of the month, please let Becky or Brenda Martin know and we will get you signed up.

Volunteer Needed - The Clothes Closet is looking for a volunteer(s) to do Laundry Day on May 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please see Becky or Brenda Martin.

Church Office Closures - The church office will be closed June 5 & 8 as Becky will be on vacation. The church office will also be closed June 29 - July 3, but Becky will be working remotely while attending General Assembly.

Offering

**Doxology*

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper 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.

*Hymn 543 *"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

Hymn 70

Postlude

6th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 10 2026 - Paul Yoder

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open to the Public

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Saturday, May 16

1:00 p.m. - Laundry Day at Scrubby Duds

Sunday, May 17 2026 - Paul Yoder

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 10:00 a.m. - Presbytery Meeting (FPC Columbia)

Saturday, May 23

10:00 a.m. -Clothes Closet open to the public

Attendance May 3, 2026

In person - 55

Online - 2

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday: 6:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

May Food of the Month for PAC

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Fellowship Time

Today - Youth

Next Sunday - Catered

242 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the

gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor, praise Christ

ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark-ness ap -
2 Sing now of mourn-ing turned in - to

pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar-ren earth green - ing;
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;

sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of

This joyful Easter hymn brings together many images and responses evoked by Christ's Resurrection. As the second stanza affirms, it does turn mourning into dancing (Psalm 30:11), for this 20th-century text was written to fit the rhythms of this 16th-century Italian dance-song.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor

wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-B2-E2, A2-B2-C3, B-flat2-C3-D3, and C3-E3-G3.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody with quarter notes on D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note on G5. The accompaniment features chords: D3-E3-F3, E3-F3-G3, D3-F3-A3, and E3-G3-B3.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues with quarter notes on A5, B5, and C6, followed by a half note on D6. The accompaniment features chords: A3-B3-C4, B3-C4-D4, A3-C4-E4, and B3-D4-F4.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes with quarter notes on E6, F6, and G6, followed by a half note on A6. The accompaniment features chords: E3-F3-G4, F3-G4-A4, E3-G4-B4, and F3-A4-C5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole chord, followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, and ends with a quarter rest. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff features a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of music concludes the chorus. The top staff features a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, ending with a half note. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes, ending with a half note.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

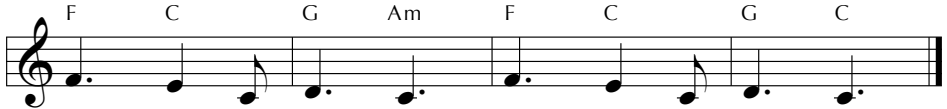
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B^b F Gm Dm

*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E^b B^b Cm F B^b *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.