

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you,  
please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

**Bold: Congregation**

*\*Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“Truth and Falsehood are destined to struggle. Sometimes Truth will win, but other times Falsehood will prevail, and then Truth must rise up and fight again. Until the end of the world, Truth must battle Falsehood, and must never rest or let down his guard, or he will be finished once and for all. And so Truth and Falsehood are fighting to this day.”

-Ethiopian Wisdom on the eternal struggle between truth and falsehood.

The Book of Virtues, A Treasury of Great Moral Stories,

Ed. William J. Bennett, (New York, Simon and Schuster, 1993) p. 637.

✚ WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD ✚

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Fairview–Fairmont Family Center

Introit (11:00)

*He's the Lily of the Valley*

Spiritual

arranged by Alice Parker (United States, 1925–2023)

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 86)

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;

**Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.**

We give thanks to you, O Lord, our God with our whole heart.

**We will glorify your name forever. Great is your steadfast love toward us.**

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

\*Opening Hymn: #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

\*Prayer of Confession:

God of grace, love and mercy, we confess that we have failed to love you with our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and seek insight from sources other than your own. We have been misled, overwhelmed with advice and perceptions other than yours. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully, sincerely, and truly, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*The Gloria Patri

Music: Kevin Dill (2015)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit, — as it  
was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and shall be for-ev-er, A-men, A-men!

✚ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✚

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 145:8–19

*Pew Bible p.714*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples

*Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

Choral Anthem (11:00)

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg (United States, b.1979)

text: see hymn #833

Gospel Lesson: John 14:1–14

*Pew Bible p.132–133*

Sermon: FINDING TRUTH

*Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

✚ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✚

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Interlude: *Improvisation-Pastorale* Joseph Jongen (Belgium, 1873-1953)

\*Offertory Hymn: Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver CROSS OF JESUS

Robert D. Murray, 1832-1910

Sir John Stainer, 1840-1901



1 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv-er, who with op-en heart and hand  
2 Grant us then the grace of giv-ing with a spi-rit large and true,  
3 Blest by you with gifts and grac-es, may we heed your chur-ch's call:  
4 You have bought us, and no lon-ger can we claim to be our own;



bles-es free-ly, as a riv-er that re-fresh-es all the land.  
that our life and all our liv-ing we may con-se-crate to you.  
glad-ly in all times and pla-ces give to you who gives us all.  
ev-er free and ev-er strong-er, we shall serve you, Lord, a-lone.

#### Pastoral Prayer 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.

#### ✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

\*Closing Hymn: #29 O God, You Search Me O GOD YOU SEARCH ME

#### \*Benediction

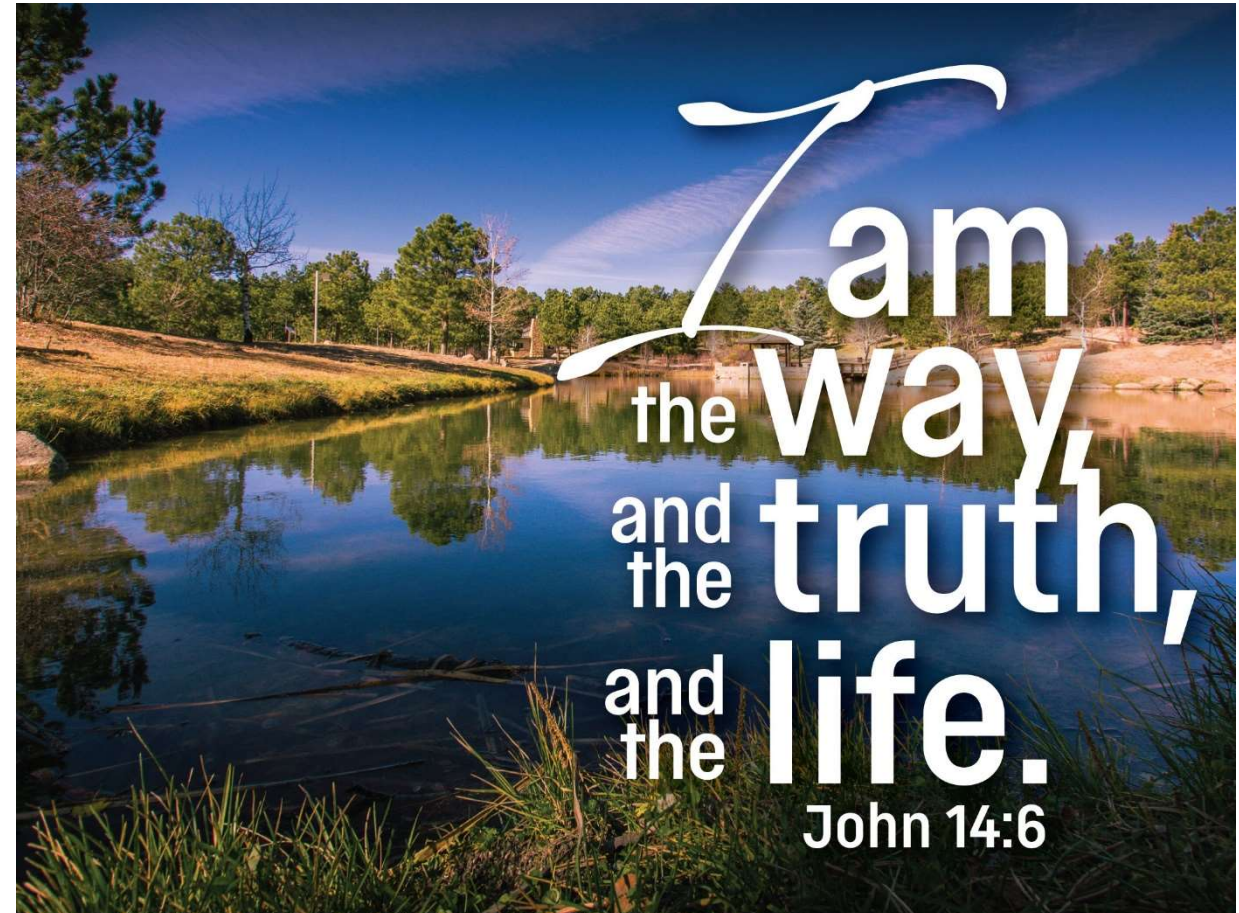
Postlude (11:00) *Allegro (Concerto Grosso in D minor)* Antonio Vivaldi (Italy, 1678-1741)  
transcribed for organ by J.S. Bach



## First Presbyterian Church

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM



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