

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.*

*The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the Music for Preparation as a time of prayer and meditation.*

*When this symbol (\*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Communion

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O people, praise our God,  
the Artist of creation,  
the Lord of heaven and earth.

**We worship our Maker with resounding praise!**

In God we live and move and have our being;  
it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

**God has kept us among the living  
and not let our feet slip.**

God formed all people to seek the Lord;  
indeed, our Creator is never far away

**Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!**

## \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

*(Text and Tune are printed on page 7)*

ITALIAN HYMN

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

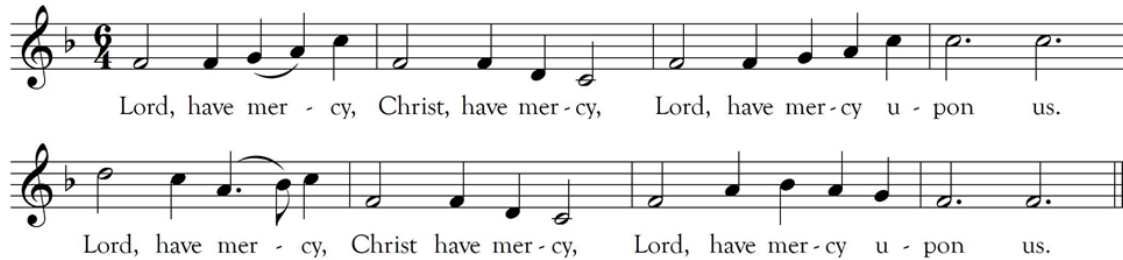
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

## \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie Eleison*)

adapted by Richard Proulx



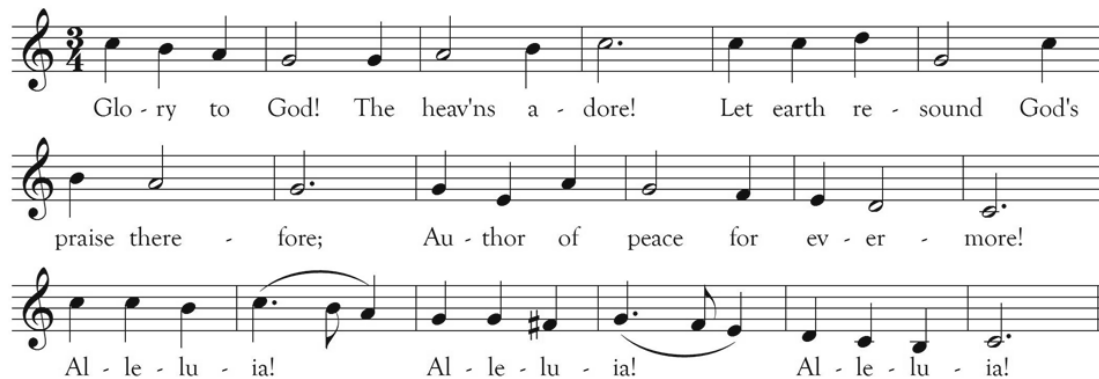
*The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT



Text: Michael Morgan

**\*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

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

*We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.*

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 66:8-20

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.*

**ANTHEM**

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*Logan Trotter, soprano*

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,  
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,  
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street

who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid  
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid,  
He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak,  
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill  
who heals their afflictions or carries them till  
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,  
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who live,  
who've been given so much and can so little give.  
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise —  
he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

**GOSPEL READING:** John 14:15-27

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Remembering Rightly in An Amnesiac World

Dr. Ron Shive

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

- Confession of 1967

**We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.**

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church**

**as the community in which we are reconciled to God  
and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another  
and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.**

**We believe that in spite of our sin,**

**the Holy Spirit gives us power  
to become representatives of Jesus Christ  
and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

*Our response to  
hearing God's  
Word includes  
singing and saying  
what we believe.*

**Lord's Supper**  
*During his  
ministry, Jesus  
shared meals as a  
sign of community  
and acceptance. As  
we gather for  
communion, know  
that you are  
welcome in this  
community and  
accepted at Christ's  
table.*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION— NO. 504**

We Come As Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF 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.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*Panis angelicus*

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Logan Trotter, soprano*

*Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum,  
dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.  
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum,  
Pauper, servus, et humilis.*

The bread of angels becomes the bread for all,  
the heavenly bread  
gives an end to earthly forms.  
O marvelous and wondrous sacrament:  
a poor man, a slave, and the humble one  
all partake of the Lord.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be -  
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*God blesses and  
sends us in mission  
to the world.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – No. 515**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*(Text and Tune are printed on page 9)*

**VOLUNTARY**

Sortie in D Major

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Ronald L. Shive, D. Min., Pastor  
Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries  
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster*

# 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

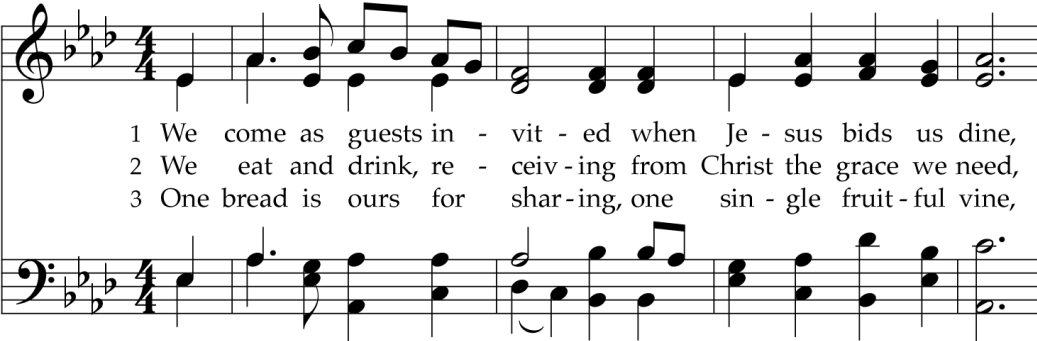
name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

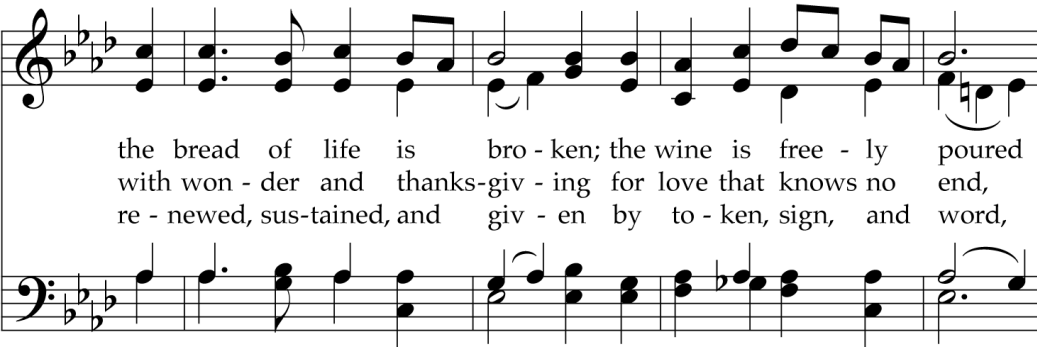
## 504 We Come as Guests Invited




1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
 with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.


Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.



# I Come with Joy


515

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm




1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)  
 Csus Cm B $\flat$  Am F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)  
 Gm F/A B $\flat$  C Cm7 F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977  
 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company  
 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith.

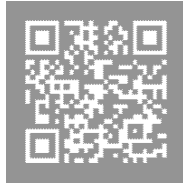
**COVER ART:** *The Last Supper*, Rebecca Foster.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hubert Green by Catherine Green.

**NEW LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE:** We are happy to announce that we have adopted a new live streaming service with *Boxcast*. *Boxcast* will not only stream to our website at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, but also to our Facebook page. This should make for much clearer and louder streaming to Facebook. We are hoping for a significant improvement in quality on our website feed as well. Keep in mind, however, that some of this depends on your individual internet and wi-fi set-ups in your homes. We do hope that all members will enjoy improved service with fewer glitches (or no glitches!)

The service will be available to view [on our website](#) or on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

**OFFERING RITUAL:** Scan this code to connect to our online giving page: This code will link you to the online giving page of FPC's website (<https://fpcburlington.org/serve-and-give/give/>). Scroll down to the blue button that says "Give." You may also *simply mail your gift to First Presbyterian Church, 508 West Davis Street, Burlington, 27215.*



In giving thanks to God for the blessing of our church family and our community, please also remember that your generosity during this time is critical. Just because we are not physically gathering for worship, does not mean that the work of our church stops. While recognizing the impact of this virus has on your life, consider continuing your financial gifts to the church as you are able. Your generosity will provide invaluable help to those in need during these uncertain times. For questions about e-giving, please contact Lacey Way.

### PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION

**IF YOU HAVE** a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may call the minister on call:

5/15-5/17      Ron Shive (336-263-1884)

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Church Office will be closed. The staff will be working full-time from home and we will be very happy to answer your questions via phone or email.

### RE-OPENING OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEXT WEEK

We are happy to announce that the CDC will reopen on **Monday, May 18** with limited enrollment! We are taking extra measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff and children. Staff and children will have their temperatures taken and a health screening will be done before anyone enters the building. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter. If anyone starts showing symptoms of illness, they will be sent home and asked to stay out of the center for 14 days. The parents will not be allowed to enter the building at this time. The CDC staff and children will only use the CDC classrooms and playgrounds. Staff will take extra measures to clean the playground, classrooms and toys often during the day. The cleaning service will be taking extra measures to perform deep cleaning each night. **Church members are asked not to enter the areas of the church designated for CDC use including the kitchen.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!** We would love to celebrate you and your accomplishments, especially this year! Though in person worship is suspended and our services have shifted online, we are still planning to hold **Graduate Sunday on June 7th**. So that we can safely honor our students during this time, we would like to invite all graduates to send a photo of themselves in their graduation cap and gown, along with any future plans they have to Taylor Barner at so that we can display the photo during our online service on June 7th. Again congratulations and no matter where your journey takes you, may God bless you and keep you.

### VBS

Join us for Virtual Vacation Bible School 2020 – *Knights of North Castle*! We will not let social distancing stop us from having one of the most amazing faith formation weeks of the year! Here is the link to register for Virtual VBS <https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/firstburlington>. It is important to register so we will know where to drop off our "VBS To-Go" boxes and so we will know with whom to share the online meeting links/info. This is not just for children of our church. Share the link with grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors that would enjoy this time of faith formation! Dates for our online gatherings: Preview Party Sunday, June 7 at 11:30 a.m. and VBS lessons Monday-Thursday, June 22-25 at 10:00 a.m. (Online gatherings will be brief, exciting, engaging, and informative!) Contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright [callbright@fpcburlington.org](mailto:callbright@fpcburlington.org) for more information.

### PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND -- A PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE WEBINAR

The Coalition for Peace with Justice is honored to host a webinar featuring Palestinian-American Evangelical Christian speakers, Jonathan Kuttub and Alex Awad. They will be sharing their unique perspectives on the conflict in Israel-Palestine, including a biblical approach to Christian Zionism, a critical analysis of the "Deal of the Century", and an update on the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on Palestinians. Mr. Kuttub served as a Jerusalem-based human rights attorney and was a founding member of Al-Haq, the first human rights legal organization in Palestine. Rev. Awad is a retired United Methodist missionary, former pastor of East Jerusalem Baptist Church, and former director of Bethlehem Bible College's Shepherd Society. The speakers have experienced many of the same struggles and have stood side-by-side in their non-violent activism calling for peace with justice.

**Event:** Online Zoom Webinar

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 26, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**Link to meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83650733454>

**Meeting ID:** 83650733454

## Mission and Outreach

### PENTECOST OFFERING -- SUNDAY, MAY 31

The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

As each of us considers a gift to the Pentecost Offering, every person, young or old, should understand that ministry with youth is not just about the future, but also about being in the now. Dave Gambrell, with the Office of Theology and Worship, says, "We tend to say something like 'we're investing in the future because the youth are the future of our church.' But our youth already have gifts to give and important ways to serve and lead in the church. Supporting the Pentecost Offering is a way to give youth the opportunity to do things and share their gifts in the present moment."

First Presbyterian Church, Burlington keeps 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support ministry with youth and young adults nationally, such as the Triennium, the Young Adult Volunteer Program, and children at risk through the Educate a Child, Transform the World national initiative.

Please consider a special gift to the Pentecost Offering and [give online](#) or mail your contribution to the church office Attn: Lacey Way, 508 West Davis Street, Burlington, 27215.

### Two Local Mission Opportunities During the COVID 19 Crisis

Both of these opportunities have been whole heartedly embraced by the Local Missions Committee and the Session.

#### a) FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD COLLECTION

Our church can still reach out to help those in need by donating food. Collection boxes are located outside the church entrance adjacent to the main parking lot and all you have to do is drive by and drop off your food donation. The next time you are at the grocery store, maybe you can put an extra couple of cans (vegetables, fruit, meat, etc.) or packages of dry food (cereals, pastas, beans, rice, coffee, etc.) in your cart and drop it off on the way home. Thanks for doing whatever you can!

**b) WE REACHED OUR GOAL!** Thank you for helping us meet the needs of the families of Andrews Elementary School who live with food insecurities. Because of your generosity, we have met our goal and no longer request donations at this time. Also, thank you to our shoppers and packers as well as our partners in this ministry, Burlington Masjid and Ebenezer UCC of Burlington.

### GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY: How can our lives during this pandemic become opportunities to grow in the stewardship of our resources so that we become even more vibrant witnesses to Christ?"

If there is anything positive to come out of this pandemic, it may be that we have a moment to examine and become even more committed to what really matters: growing in our faith. Part of our faith includes honoring God by sharing our blessings. The call for your generosity will never cease, even in this uncertain time. But your generosity matters a great deal to those who are in need, and it matters equally as much to each of us as we evaluate our own faith journeys.

Why not make giving to FPC-Burlington automatic? Set up a regular, online bank draft so your offering/giving is deducted regularly. Contact Lacey Way in the church office or your banking institution with any questions.

To give online, (<https://fpcburlington.org/serve-and-give/give/> ). You may also mail your offering to the church: 508 West Davis Street Burlington, NC 27215.

Thank you for being generous!

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD:** You are invited to join your sisters and brothers around the country in participating in an initiative to speak up and speak out about the vital need for better nutrition that provides a better tomorrow. God's grace in Jesus Christ moves us to help our neighbors, whether they live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities where we live. Bread for the World is an organization that operates on the principle that Christians are motivated by their faith to address hunger around the world.

Each year Bread conducts an Offering of Letters. This campaign is the main way Bread engages people in churches and other faith communities in advocacy with their members of Congress. This year's theme: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow urges Congress to pass legislation that provides nutrition for vulnerable people in the United States and abroad. Our faith calls us to stand alongside women and children around the world. Our work has taken on greater urgency with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Since we cannot gather in person this spring, Bread is providing resources for us to participate from home. When you click the link below, background information will appear, sample letters and hopefully all you will need to accomplish becoming part of a collective witness. Children are encouraged to be included when you send your letters, either with handwritten messages or in drawings. We know from experience the children's offerings have a powerful impact.

Check out more information at Bread.org and please click on the link below for helpful tools to take part in this call to action.

"At Home" Offering of Letters (OL) Instructions [CLICK HERE](#)

**Faith Formation and Fellowship** does not stop just because we cannot gather at the building! Join one of these opportunities online!

**The Point:** Adult Sunday morning class meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings via *Zoom* hosted by Willy Fisher. Check-in fellowship time and lectionary study using *Feasting on the Word*.

**The Enrichment Class:** This Sunday, May 17, is the last of the virtual gatherings. The class is working on some opportunities to gather once a month. Contact Henry Carrouth for more information.

**Tween Time** (3rd, 4th & 5th Graders): Meets at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings via *Zoom* for games, catching up with each other, scripture reading, and prayer

**1st & 2nd graders:** Meets Mondays at noon via *Zoom* for an online picnic, faith story time, and games

**Prek & Kindergarten:** Meets Tuesdays at noon via *Zoom* for online picnic and sharing time

If you would like to participate in any of the above online classes, please contact [Charlotte Nance-Allbright](#) for the link you will need to access the gathering.

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Recordings of online classes – Contact [callbright@fpcburlington.org](mailto:callbright@fpcburlington.org) to receive the link to view the recordings of online classes. Current recordings:

“Coming to Know God” led by Dr. Ed Moore – six classes

“Learning About the Israel-Palestine Conflict from a Jewish Perspective” led by Dr. Steve Feldman – one class

“1st Corinthians” with Mickey Efird – two classes

If you do not have access to online resources and you would like us to send you a faith formation resource in the mail or email, please contact [Charlotte Nance-Allbright](#).

### **Chancel Choir**

*Zoom* gatherings each Wednesday evening. This forum gives our faithful singers a chance for fellowship and to see one another in this time of physical distance.

### **Youth**

• **Dough Devotions:** All Senior High Students can join us Tuesday starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Snapchat Group.

The Devotion will be given at 3:30 p.m. via Snapchat and Facebook Live and all are welcome to tune in!

### **Young Adults**

• **Young Adult Zoom Gathering:** The Young Adult Group will gather via *Zoom* events. Check the eblast this week for the next gathering.

If you are interested in joining these Youth or Young Adult meetings, please contact [Taylor Barner](#).

### **Jeremiah: The Weeping Prophet – Wrap-up Session with Ron Shive**

The Tuesday Men's Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, and Thursday Women's Study got off to a great start in January with our study of the book of Jeremiah. All of that came to a sudden stop mid-March with the arrival of COVID-19. So, on Wednesday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m., Ron Shive is going to have a one hour wrap-up of our study of Jeremiah. He will survey the overall message and structure of Jeremiah and then focus on Jeremiah 30:1—33:26. If you have been reading Eugene Peterson's [Run with the Horses](#), then read chapter 14. This section of Jeremiah is called “the Book of Comfort” and in it hopefully we can also find a word of comfort in today's crisis and chaos.

This will be a Zoom meeting, so email Charlotte Allbright ([callbright@fpcburlington.org](mailto:callbright@fpcburlington.org)) if you are interested in participating. She will send you a link to class.

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