

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*"To become a community of committed Christians
who Love God, Share Christ, and Serve the World"*

10:30 AM

June 15, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*
13th century plainsong art. Marilyn Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The name of the Lord is majestic!
People: The mountains tower and the seas roar in praise of God!
One: When we look at the heavens, we rejoice in God!
People: The moons, stars, planets, solar systems are a delight to us!
One: What are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
One: You have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
People: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
One: Come, let us shout our praise to God!
All: Lord, thank you for this awesome creation! AMEN.

***HYMN** *"This is my Father's world"* #154

*PRAYER

Creator God, you whispered the world into being; you sculpted humanity from dust; you inspired writers to record beauty in nature; you spoke through artful psalms; you placed in us creative and playful spirits. We witness your glory in the heavens and hear your call to us. You are the one, Creating God, whom we worship and adore. We are sometimes overwhelmed by the thought of your compassionate care and unconditional love. In your mystery and might, open our hearts this day to hear and respond in joy to your call, that we may serve you faithfully all our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17 (Page 983)
1 John 3:1-2 (Page 1066)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ali Toms

WORDS OF CONSECRATION - National Junior High Conference
Youth - Danielle Gibbel, Liam McEvoy, Joanna Miller and Malakai Wolf
Advisors – Ruoxia Li and Dave Witkovsky

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys and Concerns
Hymn *"God is So Good"* (a capella)
1. God is so good 2. God answers prayer 3. God loves me so
Prayer

A LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

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SPECIAL MUSIC *"These are the Days"* Cory Asbury

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:13-16 (Page 877)

MESSAGE "Jesus as a Guide to Fatherhood?"

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Giving
Offertory *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* Dykes arr. Hayes
*Sung Response *"Praise God from whom"* (vs.1) #119
*Prayer
O God, we often affirm our love for others by presentations of gifts and by vows of commitment. Receive these offerings as sincere affirmations of our love for you. Put to holy use our giftedness and our committed lives. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* #616

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*
Townsend arr. Hayes

*Please stand in body or spirit.

MINISTERS - ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL & OFFICE STAFF

Interim Ministries Coordinator.....Kim Witkovsky
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Church Admin. Asst......Karen Bowman, secretary@yorkfirst.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Guest Preacher.....Ali Toms
Music Director.....Rebecca Wolf
Accompanist.....Becca Miller
Worship Leader.....Rebecca Wolf
Special Music.....Ali & Cody Toms
Children's Time.....Ali Toms
Audio/Visual.....John Gible, Jay Crist
Ushers.....**Leader – Barry Stehr**
.....John & Mary Esther Anderson, Justin Tomevi, Rob Wuhrman
Coffee/Hospitality.....Alex Lear
Greeters Today.....Rebecca & Ava Soyke
Greeters Next Week.....Barry & Tammy Stehr
Nursery Attendant.....Diane Gible

DEACONS are available and their responsibilities include assisting the pastor with the care of the congregation. If you have a need, please contact your deacon, the church office or Kim Witkovsky, Interim Ministries Coordinator.

Please see one of our ushers at the entrance to the sanctuary prior to worship if you need LARGE PRINT bulletins or hymnals. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the A/V booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Activity bags for children to use during worship are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available and the “worship nursery” in the rear of the sanctuary is open for use anytime.

The church issues a weekly e-newsletter each Friday.
To subscribe, please email secretary@yorkfirst.org
To receive the prayer chain emails, please contact the church office.

Worship attendance last Sunday: 60

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This Week at a Glance:

Today	6/15	Following	Worship – Lemonade on the Lawn
Tues	6/17	4:00 pm	Food Pantry Open 4:00 to 5:30 pm
		6:00 pm	CDC Ministry Team – Anna Mow Room
Wed	6/18	9:30 am	Staff Meeting – Multi-Purpose Room
		6:00 pm	Game Night – Gathering Space
Sun	6/22	9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Service – Sanctuary Christy Waltersdorff preaching
		6:00 pm	VBS – Sanct., FH, SS Classrooms

The focus of our special offering today will be our youth ministry as they prepare for summer events of National Junior High Conference and the FaithX Workcamp in NC

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Office hours at the church for Kim Witkovsky,
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Weekly Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wed 11:30 am – 1:30 pm