

* Hymn: #518

"He's Got the Whole World"

Charge

Sung Response : #498 (refrain)

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

Benediction

Postlude:

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

African-American Spiritual

Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Chester Adams, Kathy Atkins and family (Danette's neighbors), Kenny Bintz, Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Neil Dunnivant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), Tim & Danette Heinlein, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Roderick Plenge (22 yr. old friend of Hi Nicely), Mary Lee Reese, prayers for the family of Colby Trammel, (friend of Sandy Gates), the family of Dana Wilson (Sue Porter's brother).



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Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28 2024 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Jesus, Our Divine Companion/Fairest Lord Jesus"*
H. VanDyke/Silesian Folk Melody

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive, from Psalm 95:6,7)

One: O Come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**Many: For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: 523 *"Trust and Obey"*



Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Many: Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

All: In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from our ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son.

And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Please stand if you are able

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Silent Confession:

Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

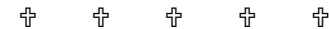
Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: The lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Many: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

* Gloria Patri: 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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem *"Lift High The Cross"*
S.H.Nicholson /Arr. Cindy Berry

* Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (Pew bible pages 475 &476) Psalm 22:25-31

Hymn: See Insert (please remain seated) *"Here I Am, Lord"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible page 939) John 15:1-8
(Pew bible page 955) Acts 8:26-40



Sermon

*"God's Grace Calls Us To Be Grateful;
To Share The Good News!"*

Moment for Meditation

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
Lowell Mason/Arr. Cindy Berry

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

* Please stand if you are able

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Announcements

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 28	5th Sunday of Easter Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Patsy D. & Cathy G. Fellowship Teri Walker Mennonite Choir Concert, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 2	<i>🎂Happy birthday, Teri Walker and Lyn Burton 🎂</i>
Saturday, May 4	Presbytery Meeting, Lynchburg
Sunday, May 5	6th Sunday of Easter 2 ¢ a Meal Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: John Kilby and Patsy D. Fellowship Patsy D. <i>🎂Happy birthday, Rena Heslep and Danette Heinlein 🎂</i>
Sunday, May 12	6th Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day! Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Lyn Burton Fellowship _____
Tuesday, May 14	Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall <i>🎂Happy birthday, Hi Nicely 🎂</i>
Thursday, May 16	HFI Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
Growing in God,
through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences,
And serving the community in love.

- ◆ Please check the Fellowship calendar in the Fellowship hall and sign up for available Sundays. *Most Sundays in May are currently still open!!!*
- ◆ **Women's Bible study**, Tuesday, May 14, 2:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will do the last two chapters of our book.
- ◆ Remember, to make sure the office knows if you have any scheduled events at the church, so we can make sure it is on the calendar!
- ◆ Our special **2¢ a Meal** offering will be coming up on Sunday, May 5. Make sure you are setting aside that change for this special offering!
- ◆ Reminder that Danette is out of the office from Thursday, May 2 through approximately Tuesday, May 14. She will be working remotely, so can be reached by church email: Fincastlepresbyterian-church at gmail.com. She is also available via personal cell 540-323-3073 (voicemail or text), and personal email danette.heinlein@gmail.com.
- ◆ Fincastle UMC has invited us to join in with their first free (donations accepted) Church & Community Dinner on Tuesday, April 30th, from 5:30-7:00pm.
- ◆ If you are able, plan on attending the Fincastle Mennonite Choir Presentation of "His Eye Is On the sparrow", a Program of A Cappella Music, here in our Sanctuary, this evening at 6:30 pm.

Clerk of Session: John Kilby

***Class of 2024:* Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo**

***Class of 2025:* Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter**

***Class of 2026:* Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson**

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Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵ From thee comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The afflicted^[a] shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live for ever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.^[b]

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ Yea, to him^[c] shall all the proud of the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and he who cannot keep himself alive.

³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation,

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
that he has wrought it.

New Testament Reading:

John 15:1-8 New Testament Reading:

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. 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. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you abide in

me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south^[a] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert road. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can'dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this:

"As a sheep led to the slaughter
or a lamb before its shearer is dumb,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken up from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. ³⁶ And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?"^[b] ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azo'tus, and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

#523 Trust and Obey

1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
(Refrain)

3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.
(Refrain)

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go—
never fear, only trust and obey.
(Refrain)

#518 He's Got the Whole World

1 He's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the tiny little baby in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got you and me, brother, in his hands,
he's got the whole world in his hands.

Coda: He's got the whole world in his hands.