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"Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond."

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 10, 2026 • 11:00 AM

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

Ushers collect blue prayer card requests during the first hymn.

Friends, check in or sign up for our Friday newsletter using the back of the blue prayer card.

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Guatemala Recap

PRELUDE

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Robert Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of praise be heard,
for God has kept us and has been present in all of seasons.

When the path has been unclear or uncertain,

God has led us through and brought us forward.

When we have sensed there is more than we can yet see,

God has been at work, drawing us on.

Come, let us turn toward the One who is already near,

and open ourselves to the life God is unfolding within us.

Let us worship God!

⌞ **HYMN 664**

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

⌞ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God, you are nearer to us than we often realize, yet we confess how easily we settle for what is familiar. You lead us forward, but we resist when the path is unclear. When something within us begins to stir, we grow uneasy and try to quiet it, rather than trusting that you are at work. We hold tightly to what we can manage and understand, hesitant to follow where we cannot yet see. Forgive us, O God. Give us the courage to trust you beyond what feels comfortable, and open us to the deeper life you are drawing us into, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silence for personal confession*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who seek him in truth.

God does not turn away, but draws nearer still.

In Christ, we are not left where we are,

but are led into new life.

This is the good news of the gospel: God brings us through and makes a way forward.

We are forgiven, and we are being made new.

So let us walk in the peace and freedom God gives.

⌞ **GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

CHILDREN'S PRAISE

"Sing, Rejoice, Clap Your Hands!"

by Patterson

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Afterward, Kindergarten and younger children may leave for Wee One's Worship in Room 108.

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"When Children Pray"

Grace Ashby, soloist

Fenner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31

SERMON "We Are Drawn Deeper"

The People of God Respond in Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

✠ HYMN 5

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[...the petitions conclude...] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me" The Chancel Choir

John Ferguson

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

AR HYDY NOS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Because He Lives"

Gaither, arr Schrader

POSTLUDE

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

David Cherwin

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Dizzy Blackwell passed away on Monday, May 4th.

It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ.

Called Congregational Meeting | May 17

Join us after the 11:00 Sanctuary Service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on whether or not to give session permission to lease the church's roof surfaces to install an array of solar panels. The lease will be available for the congregation's review before the meeting.

Save the Date! Men on a Mission | Nov 7
Highland Food Pantry's signature event is on the books! Plenty of time for you, chefs, to check your recipe books, and for all to note to attend. More info will be provided later as the theme is finalized. Thanks to all for your steady and faithful support!

Youth Ministry Car Wash | May 23

Hosted at Opequon Presby Church. Come get your car washed and vacuumed between 2-5pm all for a free will donation benefitting our youth mission trip to Summersville, WV!

5th Sunday Single Service | May 31

Join us for one 11 am service in the sanctuary, a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, with recognition of the spring high school graduates.

Faith Stretchers | May 18

Join us at 7:30 pm at Marge Toxopeus' apartment at Westminster Canterbury. This month, we'll be discussing a collection of articles on AI – copies available in the library!

Summer Worship

June 7th – August 23rd 8:30 Fellowship Hall and 10:00 am Sanctuary, no Sunday School

**Robbie Limon and Michelle Dupwe
Helper Fund Benefit Concert | May 14**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall! Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show begins at 7:00 pm. Benefitting the Helper Fund. Refreshments will be sold, and tickets can be purchased on our website or using the QR codes in the pews and common areas!

Red Wagon Ministry | CCAP

The Red Wagon will be at both services this week to collect diapers and wipes. Last year CCAP handed out over 90,000 diapers to babies in need. Please consider helping eliminate the need by bringing a box of diapers and wipes. Instead of shopping, you may send a check to the church office and note it is for the Red Wagon Ministry. Why not celebrate Mom this weekend with a bouquet of diapers and let her know you were thinking of her? - Lynn McCauley, CCAP Rep.

Gore Home

We are seeking scholarship support for students at the Gore Home in Ethiopia, a ministry of our partner synod that provides housing, meals, care, and educational support for primarily orphaned children. Please prayerfully consider giving. Contact Bill Burslem or the church office at info@fpcwinc.org for more information or to help.

PB&J's for the Community "Freedge"!

On May 17, the Footsteps in Fellowship Sunday School class invites you to join them in preparing peanut butter & jelly or Nutella sandwiches for the community fridges. Meet in the kitchen right after the 8:30 am service and bring 2 loaves of bread, plus peanut butter and jelly or Nutella, to share.

Women's Faith Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Graham Room. The Women's Faith Study's current book is *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place* by Danielle Shroyer. You're invited! (even if you haven't done the reading)

Worship & Discipleship Sunday School

Each week in May, our Sunday School hour will highlight the ministries of the Worship & Discipleship Council. Join us at 9:45 am in Loudoun Hall to learn more and get involved: May 10: Youth & Children's Ministries, May 17: Creation Care, May 24: Usher & Communion, May 31: no Sunday School