



*“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

arr. Michael Cox

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

inspired by Psalm 119:105

One: O God, you are righteous

**Many: Transform us by your Word!**

One: Your judgments are upright

**Many: Transform us by your Word!**

One: Your precepts are unforgettable

**Many: Transform us by your Word!**

One: Give us understanding and we will live

**Many: Re-form us, reconcile us,  
Transform us by your Word!**

### \* Opening Prayer

United Church of Christ

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way.

Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph. We desire to be your children and we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.

### \* Opening Hymn

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

#398 VT

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
and think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear

as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget  
your love for me, and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to your side;  
I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
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## **CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY**

**Time with Our Children**

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Song**

*Ancient Words*

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith  
Handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

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## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

Did you know you are alive and well today because of the seeds someone else has sown? What did you eat this morning? Where did it come from? The food we eat that gives us energy, that helps us to grow and stay strong starts with a farmer and a bag of seeds. In faith he plants those small seeds into the ground, they grow into a huge harvest and 100's of people can eat as a result.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 *(The Message)* says this:

*"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God."*

Our wallet is like that bag of seeds. When we plant the seed in good we will see a harvest. Though our harvest is not wheat or

corn – it is people encountering God for the first time. It is hearts being changed. Lives being transformed. All glory to God!

## **LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Special Music**

*Pasteen Fionn*

arr. Jessica Welch

**Scripture Lesson**

Jeremiah 36 (CEV)

During the fourth year that Jehoiakim son of Josiah was king of Judah, the Lord said to me, “Jeremiah, since the time Josiah was king, I have been speaking to you about Israel, Judah, and the other nations. Now, get a scroll and write down everything I have told you, then read it to the people of Judah. Maybe they will stop sinning when they hear what terrible things I plan for them. And if they turn to me, I will forgive them.”

I sent for Baruch son of Neriah and asked him to help me. I repeated everything the Lord had told me, and Baruch wrote it all down on a scroll. Then I said,

Baruch, the officials refuse to let me go into the Lord’s temple, so you must go instead. Wait for the next holy day when the people of Judah come to the temple to pray and to go without eating. Then take this scroll to the temple and read it aloud. The Lord is furious, and if the people hear how he is going to punish them, maybe they will ask to be forgiven.

In the ninth month of the fifth year that Jehoiakim was king, the leaders set a day when everyone who lived in Jerusalem or who was visiting here had to pray and go without eating. So Baruch took the scroll to the upper courtyard of the temple. He went over to the side of the courtyard and stood in a covered area near New Gate, where he read the scroll aloud.

This covered area belonged to Gemariah, one of the king’s highest officials. Gemariah’s son Micaiah was there and heard Baruch read what the Lord had said. When Baruch finished reading, Micaiah went down to the palace. His father Gemariah was in the officials’ room, meeting with the rest of the king’s officials, including Elishama, Delaiah, Elnathan, and Zedekiah. Micaiah told them what he had heard Baruch reading to the

people. Then the officials sent Jehudi and Shelemiah to tell Baruch, "Bring us that scroll."

When Baruch arrived with the scroll, the officials said, "Please sit down and read it to us," which he did. After they heard what was written on the scroll, they were worried and said to each other, "The king needs to hear this!" Turning to Baruch, they asked, "Did someone tell you what to write on this scroll?"

"Yes, Jeremiah did," Baruch replied. "I wrote down just what he told me."

The officials said, "You and Jeremiah must go into hiding, and don't tell anyone where you are."

The officials put the scroll in Elishama's room and went to see the king, who was in one of the rooms where he lived and worked during the winter. It was the ninth month of the year, so there was a fire burning in the fireplace, and the king was sitting nearby. After the officials told the king about the scroll, he sent Jehudi to get it. Then Jehudi started reading the scroll to the king and his officials. But every time Jehudi finished reading three or four columns, the king would tell him to cut them off with his penknife and throw them in the fire. Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah begged the king not to burn the scroll, but he ignored them, and soon there was nothing left of it.

The king and his servants listened to what was written on the scroll, but they were not afraid, and they did not tear their clothes in sorrow.

The king told his son Jerahmeel to take Seraiah and Shelemiah and to go arrest Baruch and me. But the Lord kept them from finding us.

I had told Baruch what to write on that first scroll, but King Jehoiakim had burned it. So the Lord told me to get another scroll and write down everything that had been on the first one. Then he told me to say to King Jehoiakim:

Not only did you burn Jeremiah's scroll, you had the nerve to ask why he had written that the king of Babylonia would attack and ruin the land, killing all the people and even the animals. So I, the Lord, promise that you will be killed and your body thrown out on the ground. The sun will beat down on it during

the day, and the frost will settle on it at night. And none of your descendants will ever be king of Judah. You, your children, and your servants are evil, and I will punish all of you. I warned you and the people of Judah and Jerusalem that I would bring disaster, but none of you have listened. So now you are doomed!

After the Lord finished speaking to me, I got another scroll and gave it to Baruch. Then I told him what to write, so this second scroll would contain even more than was on the scroll Jehoiakim had burned.

**Sermon**      “The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:  
Part 3 – When Truth Speaks to Power!”

## **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\* Closing Hymn**      *Open the Eyes of My Heart*      #401 VT

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you. (repeat)

To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing holy, holy, holy. (repeat)

Holy, holy, holy. holy, holy, holy,  
holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. (repeat)

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**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*      William Shrubsole

*\* Please stand as able and led*



<b>Ministers.....</b>	<b>All Members</b>
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader.....	Susan Robertson
Song Leader.....	
Children’s Time.....	Terrie Glass
Special Music.....	Sarah Beers & Bob Phillips
Flautist.....	Sarah Beers
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Pianist.....	Bob Phillips
Violinist.....	Bill Kinzie
Dir. of Technology & Media.....	Kevin Beers

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**Today, Sunday, June 13**

9:00 a.m. **Virtual Book Study**

11:00 a.m. **Worship** (on site & on-line)

**Tuesday, June 15**

Newsletter Deadline!

10:30 a.m. **Ladies Circle**

12:30 p.m. **Community Kitchen**

**Thursday, June 17**

5:30 p.m. **Handbells**

**Next Sunday, June 20**

9:00 a.m. **Virtual Book Study**

11:00 a.m. **Worship** (on site & on-line) with Guest Speaker  
David Radcliff from New Community Project

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THE PASTOR'S AWAY** Pastor Dave is taking most of this week off. If you should need pastoral assistance before his return to the office next Monday, call upon Barbara Beers (338-3482), or Bob Gangwer (598-1690). We will have a guest speaker next Sunday -- David Radcliff, from New Community Project.



**IN PERSON BUSINESS MEETING** There is a Congregational Business Meeting on **June 27 AFTER WORSHIP**. Stewards Commission has two proposals for approval: (1) provide a waterproofing system with sump pump in 2 classrooms a cost of \$9,217.40 from 58 Foundations, and (2) replace the HVAC system in the parsonage for an estimated cost of \$8,873. Please stay in the sanctuary for the meeting.



## WHO WANTS ICE CREAM?

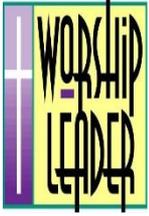
There will be ice cream in our gathering room after each Annual Conference evening worship service! Beginning **June 30 and through July 3**, the evening services begin at 7 p.m., so be here a little before to get a good seat. Plan your visit to Annual Conference without taking vacation time! The closing worship service will serve as our worship service on Sunday, July 4.



	<p><b>Wednesday Evening, June 30</b>  <b>A Future Grounded in Jesus</b>  <i>Revelation 1:1-9</i>                      Preacher: Paul Munday</p>	
	<p><b>Thursday Evening, July 1</b>  <b>A Future Informed by Scripture</b>  <i>2 Timothy 2:10-17</i>                      Preacher: Richard Zapata</p>	
	<p><b>Friday Evening, July 2</b>  <b>A Future Sharpened Through Risk</b>  <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>                      Preachers: Chelsea Goss and Tyler Goss</p>	
	<p><b>Saturday Evening, July 3</b>  <b>A Future Dependent on Prayer</b>  <i>Ephesians 3:14-20</i>                      Preacher: Beth Sollenberger</p>	
	<p><b>Sunday Morning, July 4</b>  <b>A Future Filled with Promise</b>  <i>Revelation 21:1-6</i>                      Preacher: Patrick Starkey</p>	<p>The Worship Services will also include musicians, Josh and Elizabeth Tindall.</p>  



**HEY THERE MUSICIANS!** Music is a gift that God has abundantly given to West Richmond. Special Music is needed this summer (except July 4, when we will stream Annual Conference worship). Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and sign up or call the church office. Questions? Please contact Sarah Beers.



**WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED** Music & Worship Committee is looking for some folks willing to donate their time to serve as our Worship Leader, **on-site and online**. Please check your calendar and sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or email the church office ([wrcob@wrcob.org](mailto:wrcob@wrcob.org)).



**LAMB'S BASKET** The local food pantry relies on donations from many places to supply their clients. When you go shopping could you pick up a little something to add to the shopping cart? Always in demand are rice, pasta, cereals, canned meats, peanut and jelly, as well as personal care items. If you'd like to give something healthier, why not fresh eggs? Please contact Sandi Davis.



**COMMUNITY SHELTER** We continue to provide a meal to the folks at the shelter. The next opportunity to participate is **Tuesday, July 6**. If you would like to provide part of the meal (main dish, side dish, bread, dessert, drinks or ice) or give a donation, please call Sandy Faw, Dolly Guyer or Susan Robertson. If you would like to accompany Pastor Dave and Zherina as they transport the food, please contact him. He leaves the church around 5:15 pm.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



**This Week**

- 6/14.....Ashok Solanky
- 6/16.....Jeff Goss
- 6/17 .....*Brendan & Sarah (Ziegler)*  
*Hodkinson*
- 6/18.....Luanne Holsinger  
Ponpun Nickel
- 6/19.....Ava Beers

**Next Week**

- 6/22.....Bill Jenkins
- 6/23.....Grace Clark  
Tommy Ferguson
- 6/24.....Alexa Newborn  
*David & Judy McCloud*  
*Dan & Christen Tulli*
- 6/25.....*Eric & Sandy (Walbridge) Faw*  
*Stanley & Ponpun Nickel*
- 6/26.....Mary Knight

**Greeter**

- Today ..... Barbara Beers
- 6/20 .....Dolly Guyer
- 6/27 .....Susan Robertson

**Worship Leader**

- Today ..... Susan Robertson
- 6/20 .....Alyce Newman
- 6/27 .....David Brunk

**Song Leader**

- Today ..... .....
- 6/20 ..... .....
- 6/27 ..... .....

**Tellers**

- Today ..... A. Andrus & N. Martin
- 6/20 .....J. Goss & A. Newman
- 6/27 .....J. Guyer & L. McCann
- 7/04 .....Bob & Pat Gangwer

**June 6**

**Attendance**

- Virtual Book Study..... 12
- Worship (total) ..... 45
  - On Site..... 31
  - Visitors..... 3
  - Live stream ..... 11
- On-line views as of 6/11 ..... 20

**Offering**

- Offering .....\$ 3,875.00
- Offering Y-T-D.....\$100,159.75





# Graduate Recognition



**Owen Williams**, Kevin & Barbara Beers' grandson, graduated Junior Kindergarten from Minnieland Academy in Manassas, VA.

**Finn Hurst** graduates from Kindergarten at Reams Road Elementary.

**Collins Harris**, Betty Altic's granddaughter, graduated from fifth grade at Ruby Carver Elementary to go to Pocahontas Middle.

**Emma Burton**, Sarah Beers' friend, graduates Wednesday from Douglas S. Freeman High School to go to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Shaun Finchum** graduated from James River High School.

**Laurel Holsinger**, JoAnn Holsinger's granddaughter, graduates from Central High School in Woodstock, VA.

**Mara Guyer**, Joel & Dolly Guyer's granddaughter, graduated with distinction from The University of Virginia with a B.A. in American and Media Studies with a minor in Environmental Planning. While at UVa, Mara was an Echols and Jefferson Scholar, studied at the University of Oxford in England, did independent research in Wellington, New Zealand.

