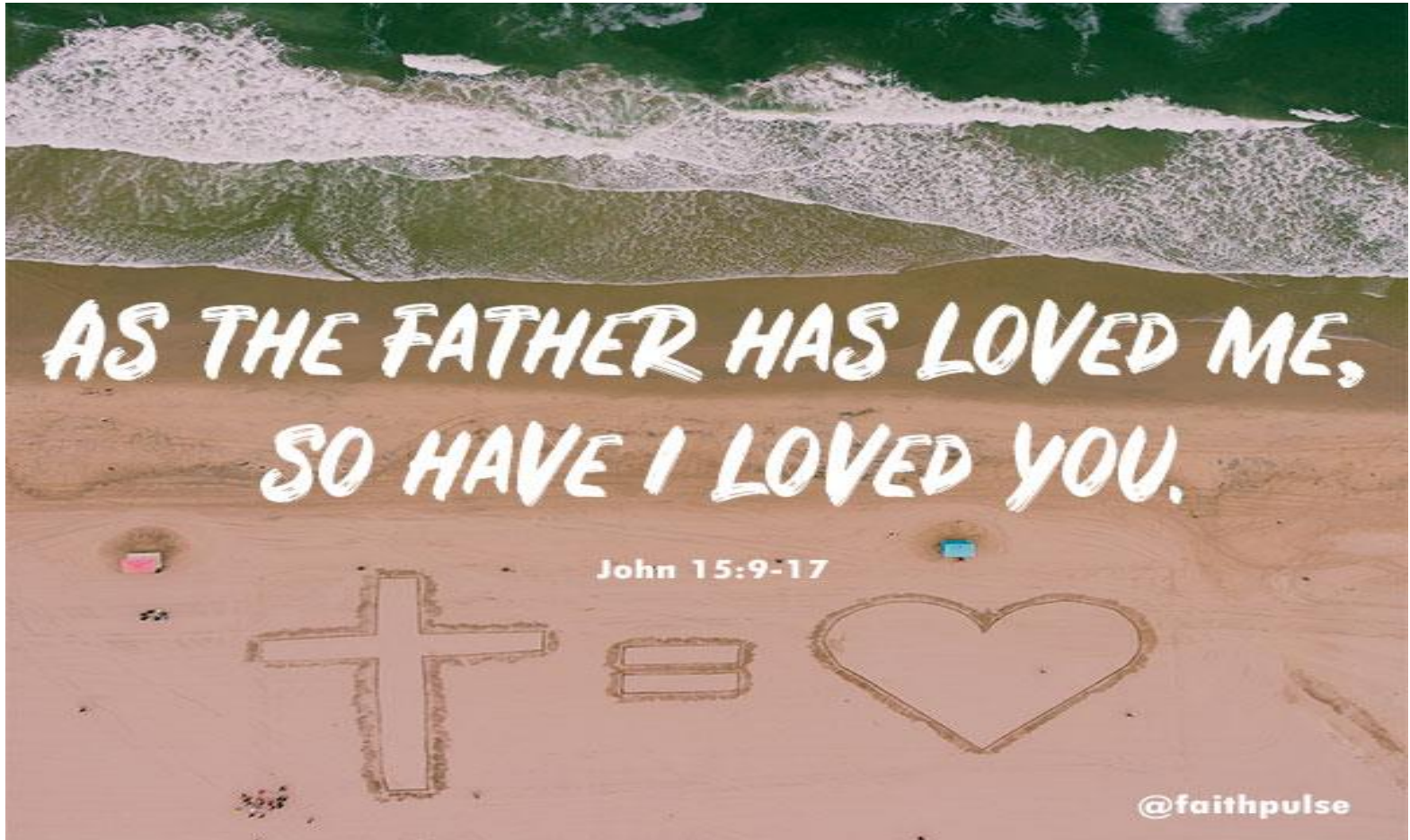


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in celebration of Christ's Love.

(B) Easter 6

May 9, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Break forth into joyful song and sing praises!

**People: God judges the world with righteousness.
Let the earth resound with the praise of God!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

Response for the Congregation (#475)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Chris Heldstab

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect our loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness (Instrumental - #240)

THE PEACE

As those who have been forgiven, let us forgive our brothers and sisters. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

Interlude (Instrumental)

MINUTE FOR MEDIA-TECHNOLOGY

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Creator God, whose love lifts us from mindless servitude to caring community, we thank you for the guidance of your commandments and the promise of joy in Jesus Christ. We seek to love as we have been loved, to risk life itself for the sake of our sisters and brothers, and to bear fruit that will last. Grant us the strength and courage we need. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In This Very Room by Harris

Chancel Choir 2001

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Chris Heldstab

SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: What if we could speak all the languages of humans and of angels?

People: If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Leader: What if we could prophesy and understand secrets and knowledge, and what if we have faith that moved mountains?

People: I would be nothing, unless I loved others.

Leader: What if we gave away everything we owed and we lived as martyrs?

People: We would have gained nothing, unless we love others.

Leader: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.

People: It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Leader: Love never ends. Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

People: ...and the greatest of these, is love.

from, 1 Corinthians 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Interlude (Instrumental - #250)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Boxes have been placed at the sanctuary doors for your pledges, gifts and other offerings. When the worship service concludes you may place your offering in one of these boxes as you leave the sanctuary. Gifts/pledges may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the "Giving" link on our website:

<https://www.fpcjc.com/giving>

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Response for the Congregation (#313)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Chris Heldstab

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



- Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- Lisa Nabus & family
- Roger Lawson
- Tim Avery and family
- Jenna Langvardt's Aunt and Uncle John and Debi Russell
- Stuart Workman and family
- Our Teachers, Staff and Students

We encourage you to pray for these friends – send them a note, call or visit them. Addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the church office. Send your prayer requests, concerns and updates to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church services will continue to be streamed on our Facebook page [First Presbyterian Church, Junction City](#) Sunday morning at 10:45 am. We will also post a link after the service is done for you to watch at your convenience.

If you have information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by Wednesday morning before the Sunday, you would like it included. You may call 238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

If you have anything you would like to have put into the **June** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than May 16th, 2021. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

We would like to thank all those who are helping make our service possible each week: Pastor Tim Maguffee, Amanda Rolfs, Joe and Sheila Markley and our organist, Anne Otte.

Thank you to the 2001 Chancel Choir for providing our Special Music this morning and to Chris Heldstab for singing our hymns.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are provided by Valerie Marchesi to the glory of God, in memory of her parents Roy and Arlene Thornton and in honor of healthcare workers.

We collected \$139.77 for the Food Pantry from last Sundays' First Sunday offering. This brings our total for the year to \$1011.31.

Reminder-Sunday School ends on May 23rd.

Attention Parents and Grandparents of High School and College Seniors-If you have a graduating senior from high school or college this May, please contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com no later than Monday, May 17th. The information below is what is needed.

Student Name:

School Graduating From:

Favorite School Activity:

Brief Plan of Student's Future:

Your relationship to Student:

The Education Committee is looking for any and all decorations related to this year's VBS theme. This includes, but is not limited to, toy trains, model trains or train tracks, railroad signs, etc. If you are interested in donating any item, please bring it to the church and it will get to Dawn. Please make sure to include your name somewhere with the item, that way everything stays organized and goes back to its rightful owner. Thank you!

VBS Rocky Railway. Online registration is now open for participant and volunteer sign up.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/rockyrailwayfpcjc>

Dates: July 11th, 18th, 25th, & August 1st

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

When inclement weather is forecast there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been cancelled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and - if we have your email address - email from the church.

The 2021 Flower Calendar is posted in the hall by the church office. There are still plenty of Sundays available for you to sign up on the calendar. If you have any questions, you may call Vannessa Osbourn at 238-8809. Thank you.