

### Participants in Today's Worship

**Lead Pastor:** Pastor Chris Farmer

**Choir Director:** Paul Hoverman

**Pianist:** Scott Turner

**Screen Creatives:** Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer

**Liturgist:** John White

**Projectionist:** Jill Smelser

**Sound Technician:** Kent Smelser

**Videographer:** Noah Carter

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## Thank You to all the singers in the Chancel Choir

*This is their last Sunday of the season. They look forward to serving and singing again in the fall.  
Their dedication in serving Christ through music is very much appreciated!*

The altar flowers this week are given  
*in loving memory of Michael Arn*  
by Sherri Arn and the Arn families



*You're invited!* Brunch for  
Chris and Melinda  
Sunday, June 25th @ 10:45 am

**Must RSVP by June 11 to**  
[firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net)  
or call the church office.

HAPPY  
*retirement*

*Food and Supply  
Donation Boards  
are across from the office!*

PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY JUNE 11

*Youth Mission Trip*  
June 21-28, 2023

**High School / Middle School**

YOUTH ATTENDING: 13  
ADULTS ATTENDING: 8

*Dominican  
Republic*

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REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:

use this link to sign up!  
[vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs](https://vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs)

Or visit our website:  
[vanwertfirst.net/vbs](http://vanwertfirst.net/vbs)



**Vacation Bible School** JUNE 5-8 8:30-11:30am



May 28, 2023 9:30 am

We Lead with Extraordinary Grace

Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:

***Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus***

***Thanks for joining us today!*** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

Contact Crisi  
@ ext 306  
OR THE OFFICE

*We still need:*

*We can't  
make this  
happen without  
YOU!*

5 - ELEMENTARY CREW LEADERS

2 - PRESCHOOL CREW LEADERS

SIGN UP TODAY  
1 - GAME ORGANIZER 2 - SET PREP

1 - IMAGINATION STATION ORGANIZER

2 - REGISTRATION WORKERS 1 - SNACK HELPER

PARENTS / GRANDPARENTS / YOUTH / ADULT  
WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** June 5-8 2023

# 9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 28, 2023

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” I Peter 5:5b-8

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

*Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

### Gathering in God’s Presence

**Prelude:** *Spirit of the Living God* arr. Don Hustad Scott Turner

**Welcome:** John White

**\*Call to Worship:** John White

Leader: The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again; and he will keep watch over them as a shepherd watches his flock.

**People: Listen! you nations of the world: Listen to the Word of the LORD. Proclaim it from coast to coast, declare it to distant lands.**

Leader: With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy, for the LORD is so generous to them; he showers his people with gifts.

**People: Listen! you nations of the world: Listen to the Word of the LORD. Proclaim it from coast to coast, declare it to distant lands.**

Leader: Young women will dance for joy, and men young and old will make a joyful noise. Like a garden refreshed by the rain, they will never be in want again. Break shouts of great joy: Jacob is free again! Teach nations to sing the song: The LORD has saved his people!

**People: Listen! you nations of the world: Listen to the Word of the LORD. Proclaim it from coast to coast, declare it to distant lands.**

Leader: I was glad when it was said: “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

**Choral Song:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* arr. L. Larson Chancel Choir

**\*Opening Prayer:** John White

**Spirit of the Living God, visit us again as on the day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit. With rushing wind that sweeps all barriers, Come, Holy Spirit. With tongues of fire that set our hearts ablaze, Come, Holy Spirit. With speech that unites the babel of tongues, Come, Holy Spirit. With love that overcomes boundaries of race and nation, Come, Holy Spirit. With power from above to make our weakness strong, Come, Holy Spirit. In the name of the Risen Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Congregational Song:** *Spirit Song*

#347

**Chat with the Children:**  
*Children dismissed to AWE*

Cristi Laukhuf

**Life in the Church I:** John White

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

“God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.” Amen.”

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings:** John White

Offertory: *Prayer* by Emile Wambach Scott Turner

\*Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* #64 vs. 1 Scott Turner

\*Prayer of Gratitude: John White

### Worship with the Word

**\*Scripture Lesson:** I Peter 5:1-11 Pastor Chris Farmer

**Series:** **Who We Are**

**Sermon:** *“We Lead with Extraordinary Grace”* Pastor Chris Farmer

### Worship through Prayer

**Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God* #393

**Prayer for the People:** Pastor Chris Farmer

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Choral Anthem:** *Who are the Brave* - Words by J. Paul Williams/Music by Joseph Martin  
(Honoring those who gave their lives serving-A Memorial Day Tribute)

### Sending Into the World

**Life in the Church II:** Pastor Chris Farmer

**Choral Benediction:** *God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again* - J.N. Beck Chancel Choir

**\*Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Chris Farmer

**Postlude:** *Etude, Op. 10 no. 4* by Fred Chopin Scott Turner

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace*

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### KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 9:30

**Summer AWE** - Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign in before service with KidCheck located by the nursery or the Scheidt room.