



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

May 10, 2026

GREAT
STORIES





Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich,
Parish Counselor, Liturgist

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Tom Ingui,
Organist

Chancel Choir,
Sam Carlton, Director

Festival Ringers,
Sam Carlton, Director

The flowers in this morning's service
have been given
with joy and gratitude for all mothers
by Greg and Beth Myers.

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from **Presbyterian Directory of Worship:**

Christian worship gives
all glory and honor,
praise and thanksgiving
to the holy, triune God.
We are gathered in worship
to glorify the God
who is present and active
among us— particularly through
the gifts of Word and Sacrament.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day**
10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP
May 10, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 526
Tom Ingui

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

~ *GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD* ~

PRELUDE

Festival Ringers

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

Psalm 113:5-9

Who is like the LORD our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
Who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
He seats them with princes,
with the princes of their people.
He settles the barren woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.
Praise the LORD.

*** HYMN 3**

Womb of Life and Source of Being, verses 1-3 RAQUEL

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

Lord, though you should guide us, we choose our own
paths; though you should rule us, we ignore your
commandments to love; though you should fulfill us, we
console ourselves. We foolishly think your truth too high,
your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too
free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all
people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with
your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our
troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious
hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who
loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

*** RESPONSE HYMN 684, Verse 3**

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

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.

MOMENT FOR IMPACT

Betsy Agee, Prayer Shawl Team

OFFERTORY

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Music by Michael Phillips
Words by George Matheson

Chancel Choir

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Joy that seekest me thro' pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

Amen

*** DOXOLOGY, HYMN 3**

Womb of Life and Source of Being, Verse 4

RAQUEL

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,
Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

~ *PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD* ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

A Mother's Faith

Psalm 113:5-9; Matthew 15:21-28

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD* ~

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Rev. Dr. Paul Suich

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.117

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. **First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word. Amen.**

~ *SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD* ~

*** HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. John Fullerton

POSTLUDE

Tom Ingui

Glory to God in the Highest, BWV 663

J.S. Bach