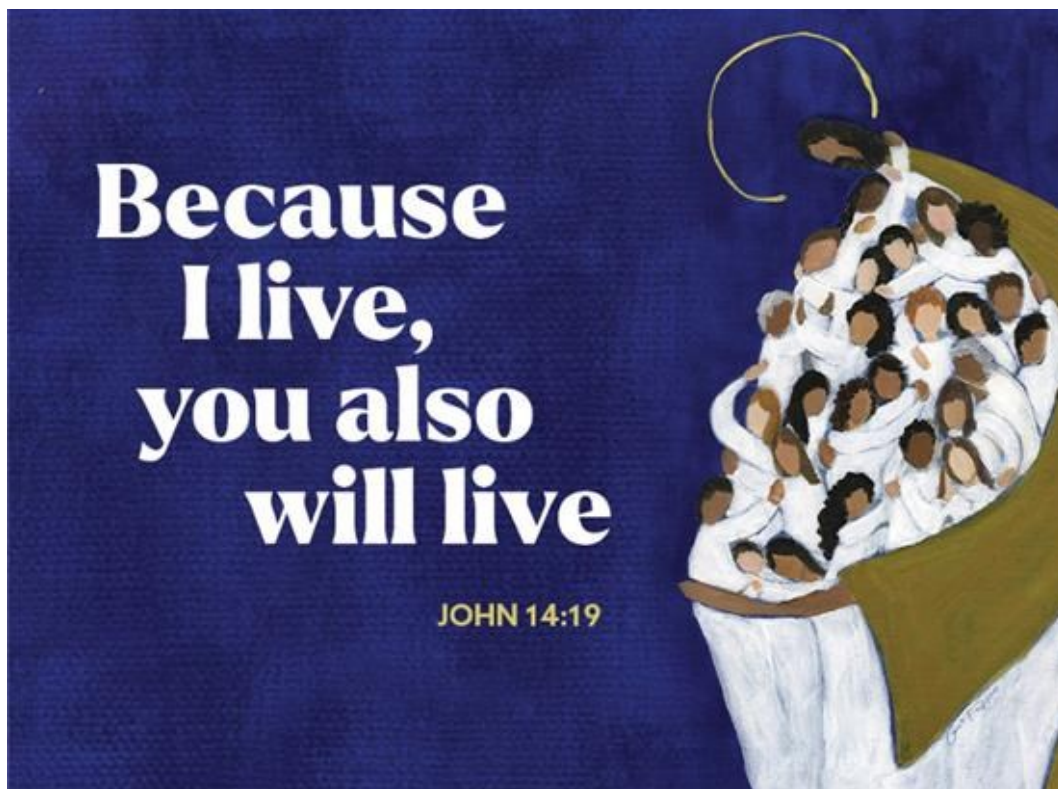


The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 10 AM
Word & Eucharist | Onsite & Online



God Loves. We Love.
Everyone!
Dios Ama. Amamos.
Todos!

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Everyone is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church. We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You are invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our theology, define our identity, and are formed and transformed as the people of God. As we are gathered together, we receive the Word of God, give thanks, and are sent to be living, active images of divine love.

FELC is committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally. Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. For more on our welcome and life, visit www.felcaustin.org.

All Gender Restrooms, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with an usher for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on our wood pews and chairs are available from an usher in the narthex.

FELC in a Sabbath: Stage One - Ministry Pause

This Spring, the First English Congregation Council instituted a time of ministry Sabbath. It begins with a Ministry Pause for the congregation and its ministries of worship, learning, witness, service, and support from May 31 to July 25. The broader Sabbath season will be observed through November of 2026.

During the eight-week pause, regular ministry activities will pause. We will continue in weekly worship and turn our shared focus toward reflection, discernment, and the faithful stewarding of our resources. Over the course of this year, this Sabbath will include personal and spiritual growth, community-wide forums, and regular updates from church leadership.

This Ministry Pause invites us to assess our life together as we prepare for a season of renewal and faithful stewardship. We will engage in active listening with the Holy Spirit and with one another. We pray this time will mend and strengthen this congregation community for the future.

As we begin our 91st year of ministry in Austin, we seek to be intentional about shaping the next season of God's mission in this place. If you are newly receiving this information, we welcome you to share in this journey. To learn more, contact Pastor Katie Rode, pastor@felcaustin.org.

✠ GATHERING ✠

As we enter the final weeks of the Easter season, Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit. We receive this Spirit and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church's worship life. The paschal candle, lit at baptisms, confirmations, renewals, funerals, and throughout the Easter season, shines with the light of Christ's resurrection, reminding all that we have new life in God's love.

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

from Ezekiel 43:1-7a

¹ The Lord God brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. ² And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ³ The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. ⁴ As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵ the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. ⁶ While there was One standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. ^{7a} The One said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among my people forever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

At sound of the singing bowls, we stand as able and turn to face the main entrance of the nave.

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The love and grace of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all people and give the world the Spirit of your truth and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen.**

Be seated.

Welcome to Community

✝ WORD ✝

Reading

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A Time of Wisdom & Wonder

Children and adults are invited to gather at the baptismal font.

We stand as we welcome Christ in the Good News. We turn to face the cross in procession.

Gospel Acclamation In Procession

Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Verse: Lord, to whom¹ shall we go? * You have the words of¹ eternal life! John 6:68

This is the holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:]¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sing the Gospel Acclamation.

Sermon

We remain seated to sing.

Hymn of the Day

Loving Spirit | ELW 397

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Hymnal version

Prayer & Meditation

We invite a time of quiet for your prayers to God for the earth; the nations; the poor, ill, oppressed, lonely, unhoused, homebound, imprisoned, bereaved, and joyful; for justice and mercy; for the communities where we live, worship, play, and work; for ourselves, our loved ones and our enemies; & for the sorrows, thanksgivings, and hopes we bring today. A prayer list is found on page 15.

The choir offers an anthem during prayer time.

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Music: Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-1585; Text: John 14: 15-17

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

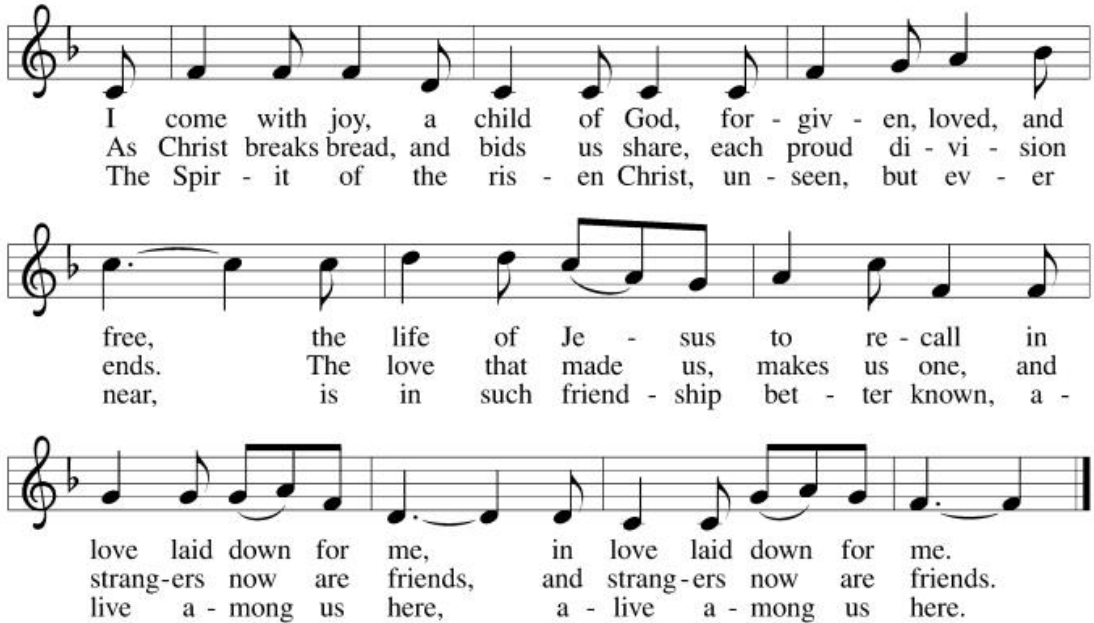
The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. Gentle signs of reconciliation and love renew and build relationships prior to coming to Christ's table for Eucharist.

✝MEAL✝

Welcome to Communion & Offering

We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

We stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.



I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.

Text: Brian A. Wren

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*

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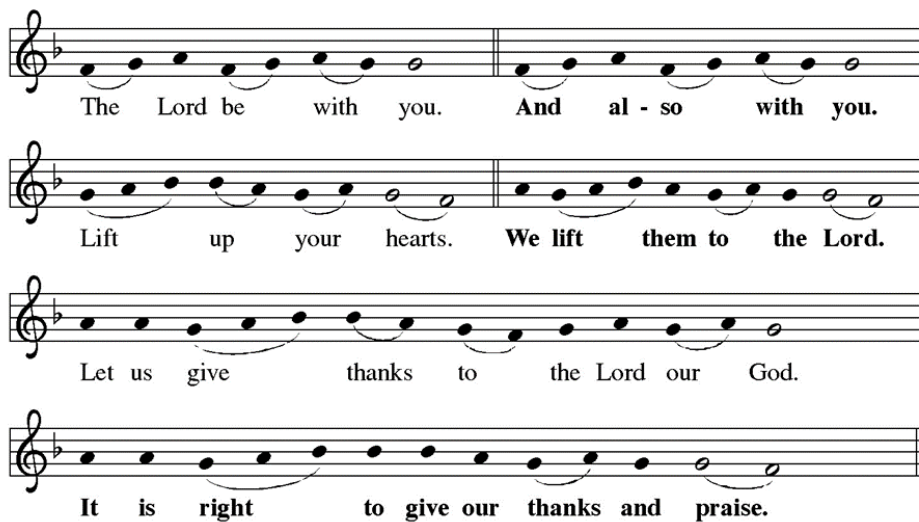
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Offering Prayer

All things come from you, O God, **and we give back to you the gifts that come from you.**
 Welcome us here, gracious God, as we meet Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Joel Martinson, b. 1960



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for all.

In the night in which he was given to death . . .

Remembering, therefore, Christ's life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this hurting and beautiful world.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the new life of Christ.

Through Christ, † with Christ, in Christ all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever. **AMEN!**

Gathered together in resurrection love, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Be seated.



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1633
 Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Invitation to Communion & Blessing

God, in Christ, fully welcomes people of every age to this Meal, which is known by many names: the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

For those participating onsite, ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand for you to eat, then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured and consumed. Gluten-free wafers/ grape juice are available upon request. If you desire not to receive bread or wine, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer, meditation, and music. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer is an ancient and powerful ritual of the church. It is a deeply personal encounter with our need for healing in body, mind, spirit, and relationship, and our turning to God for all healing, grace, and mercy. Those who desire healing prayer, which may include the laying on of hands on the head and anointing with oil on the forehead, are invited to the Chapel of the Saints during the communion distribution. You may wait in one of the chairs until the healing prayer station is free for kneeling or standing.

Communion Music

Hands of Healing

Hands of heal-ing, — Je-sus, lay on me; gen-tle
hands of heal-ing, — Je-sus, lay on me.

Text and music: Carol Ann Webb

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Communion Music

Soplo de Dios | ELW 407

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: VARVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune

We remain seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, source of all healing, thank you for the gifts of strength and life, and above all for the gift of your risen Son. In him we have health and salvation. Guide us by your Holy Spirit. May we experience your power in our lives and trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Council Ministry Moment

✠ SENDING ✠

Traveling Blessing

Please stand as able.

Prayer for Healing

Stewardship Theme in May: Heal

Holy One, let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire being making me new. **Touch my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my spirit. Saturate my entire being with your joy and peace. Draw me closer to you and to my neighbors in each moment of life. May I rest in your love. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, my risen Savior and Friend. Amen.**

God's Blessing

based on Song of Blessing, by Sara Groves

May God give us eyes to see all that is good, and the strength and courage for anything.
May God give us ears to hear God's loving voice speaking all around us and deep inside us.
May the blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, continue with us, now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Shout for Joy Loud and Long



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938
Music: PERSONENT HODIE. *Piae cantiones*, 1582

Dismissal to Mission

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace to love and serve in newness of life! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visit felcaustin.org to learn more about the FELC faith community. To subscribe to a weekly email Newsletter or connect with the staff or ministry leaders, contact office@felcaustin.org. If you are new to the FELC community, use the QR code to connect.



MICAH 6 FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We will be accepting food and clothing donations during the month of May for both Micah 6 and Casa Marianella. We invite abundance in donating in May as we will engage a time of ministry pause for reflection and discernment May 31-July 25. Our hope is to donate enough during May that the abundance is equivalent to our May-July donations. Also, our First English volunteer group that prepares and serves the meal for the youth drop in center will serve in May, then take the same pause schedule listed above. Contact Andy MacLaren, andyaclaren@cs.com, 512-947-4186.

LUNCH & LEARN | MAY 17

The FELC Council will be hosting a Lunch & Learn following worship on May 17 to answer questions and discuss the upcoming Sabbath and Ministry Pause.

PENTECOST SUNDAY | MAY 24

The Easter season concludes on Sunday, May 24 with the Feast of the Pentecost as we celebrate the Holy Spirit in all the world. The primary color for the Spirit is red, so wear some red on Sunday, May 24. We rejoice with Hadley Fuerst as she affirms her baptism. Come, Holy Spirit!

AUSTIN CANTORUM | MAY 30 | 7:30 PM

Join Austin Cantorum at FELC exploring choral music that celebrates regional cuisine, reflects on the nature of hunger, and examines what it means to have a purposeful relationship with the food we eat. Two universal languages: music and food (!) with a non-perishable canned food drive to benefit the Central Texas Food Bank. Admission is FREE; suggested donation of \$25. RSVP today at AustinCantorum.com.

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PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Holy God, you hold us in your loving care. We pray for the mothers and nurturers in our lives now and those who have passed. Support all for whom this day is challenging. Give joy to all for whom this day is beautiful. Grant loving and lasting relationships between all mothers and children. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

As a community of faith, we pray for:

all mothers, those who live in mothering care, & in remembrance of mothers;
all educators, in thanksgiving & in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week;
for all graduating & all those transitioning to new chapters of school, work, & life;
FELC, in thanksgiving for the 37 year witness on April 24 of being a Reconciling in Christ congregation;
for the First English community, as we prepare to enter a time of Sabbath, beginning with a ministry pause;
all who travel this summer, for safe journeys, meaningful experiences, & joyful homecomings;
places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;
the people of Iran & the United States military engaged in conflict;
FELC Stewardship Committee;
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace & equity;
benevolence ministry partners & their leaders: Micah 6 Food Ministries, LuMin, Global Refuge, & Casa Marianella;
citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States.

LEADERS IN LITURGY & HOSPITALITY | SUNDAY, MAY 10

Ministers	All the people of God
Altar Care	Margaret Bruesch
Assisting Minister	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Building Open/Close	Anne Wiebe
Communion Minister	Nancy Neuse
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Lector	Jerry Don Aguirre
Livestream Minister	J.P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre; Oliver Rajamani; Cantor Bryan Rust
Hospitality Hosts	Merrily Porter, leader
Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pastor Katie Rodie
Ushers	Terry Porter

