



TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH.

PLANT 87-11

Rev. Dorothy, Guest Minister
Judy, Liturgist
Judy, Music Tech

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Acts 1:6-14 (pg. 118 [143 LP] NT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Hear* a prayer: leaves tossing in a fair May breeze;
windows open—curtains stirring.

People: **Birds chattering, singing, calling; chickadees, song
sparrows, cardinals in full voice. *Hear* a prayer.**

Leader: *See* a prayer: “first cutting” of hay lying flat—green and
tender; corn just showing—tiny parallel rows rising.

People: **Blue skies, white clouds, warmer nights filled with a
thousand stars—even more! *Touch* a prayer to your
heart—God’s everlasting love for you!**

*HYMN #476

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Loving God, you spread a new day before us and pass the hope of
a new week into our expectant hands. We each grasp it as if it were
just our own. We figure we’ll do what we can—what more could
you ask? Yet what might be accomplished if we shared these days
together? We are so very independently yours, Dear God. May we
become more and more yours “together.” Hear us as we come to
you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
(pg. 529 [651 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
(pg. 235 [285 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11 (pg. 111 [136 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Dorothy

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY, WEAR RED TO
SYMBOLIZE THE SPIRIT

*HYMN #422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

(continue on back)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Postlude

For the week beginning May 17, 2026	
GREETERS:	Bizzy & Emily
PRAYER FAMILY:	Vicki and Dan
ELDER for the Month:	Bizzy
Mon	Office Closed
Tue	Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wed	Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. SESSION MEETING @ 4:30 p.m.
Thu	Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. PROPERTY COMM. MEETING @ 5:30 p.m.
Fri	Office Closed
Next	
Sun 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service Day of Pentecost Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Liturgist: Amy Greeters: Buffy Music Tech: ?????

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting **BROWNIE MIX** for the Portville Community Food Pantry.

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Rev. Bruce at 716-378-6773 or
Judy at 716-933-6303



The **June Worship Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** is located in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to help with our service.



Looking Ahead

WEDNESDAY, May 20th, **Session Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, May 21st, **Property Committee Meeting, @ 5:30 pm.**

SUNDAY, MAY 24th: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, wear RED to symbolize the Spirit.

SUNDAY, MAY 31st will be the last day of Sunday School for the 2025-2026 Season. We will celebrate with an Open House to allow everyone to stop in the Sunday School rooms starting at 9:00 a.m. to see all the wonderful things our children have been learning. After you have visited the SS rooms, stop down in the Dining Room to enjoy a Brownie Sundae!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7th, We will be celebrating the ordination and installation of Elders and Holy Communion.