



Sunday May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham

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Tom Hackleman,
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A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“A Hymn for Our Nation”

Franklin Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

May God’s face shine upon us.

May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.

Let us worship our God in praise.

*HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to God as we are: messy, joyful, imperfect, guilty, righteous. But most of all, we come to God as ourselves, human, in need of proclaiming, confessing, forgiving, in need of community. Let us come to God with all we are.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. **Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God blesses us, again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite us ignoring God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to share the sign of “peace”)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-28

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 24:1-6

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
² **for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.**
³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up
their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.**
⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ **Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

ANTHEM

"I Surrender All"

Sandra Eithun

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, speak to us through your text. May we hear your truth, especially when it challenges us. Be the voice of love that we need to hear. Amen.

SERMON A 3-week sermon series:

*"What's the word? **Who's the Word?** How shall we live the word?"*

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #410

"God is Calling Through the Whisper"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(excerpts from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has blessed us so much. So let us give back to our Lord some of that blessing.

OFFERTORY

"An American Spiritual"

Patricia Hurlbutt

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord our God, we appreciate the many blessings that you have provided us with. Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, resources so that we may support and love others as you have loved us, so we can truly be your people in the city. May we use this offering to reflect you in our world.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #611 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #547 *“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”* (v.1)

*POSTLUDE *“Faith of Our Fathers”* D. H. Hegarty



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call
for May:
Frank Taylor
Alice Irwin

5/18/2025 Attendance:
Members & Friends: 75 Visitors: 4
Online: 22



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

Summer is just around the corner—

June

All Committees Meet
June 12—PW Meeting
June 23—Game Night—
Shepherd Group 5

July

No Committee Meetings
No Choir Practice
July 28—Game Night—
Shepherd Group 1

BIRTHDAYS

May 25 Linda Dalhquist

May 28 Claudia Freerks

May 29 Nancy Ortman

May 31 Dick Francis

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 25

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 27

9:30-10:30am—Spiritual Life (A)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, May 28

6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 29

NO EVENTS

Friday, May 30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, May 31

9am-3pm -Presbytery—Ferncliff

Sunday, June 1

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

If you have any changes you would like see occur in the bulletin, please email Pastor Judi. jmcmillan@pcbv.org

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Gene McKay's family has invited the church to an Open House on Friday June 6th - 4:00 - 8:00 at Bella Vista Townhouse Recreation Center Hall [2 Cora Circle, Bella Vista] for family, friends and neighbors. Picnic style meal provided

The memorial service for Gene will be Saturday, June 7th - 1:00 Service at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

There is a sign up sheet for the Open House in connector hallway so we can provide the family with a count for the picnic.

Please sign up today, if you haven't already.



**SCHOOL IS OUT - SUMMER IS HERE -
THAT MEANS
MORE KIDS PLAYING IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
MORE PEOPLE USING THE BIKE TRAILS
HOT WEATHER
BE AWARE AND ALERT**

