



First Presbyterian Church
Farmington, NM

August 16, 2026

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelby Markle

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
(arr. Fred Bock)

Kyle Osborne

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Betty Plese, Responsive

All things bright and beautiful,

God created for our enjoyment.

All things wrenching and hard,

God holds with tender care.

You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies,

God loves without condition, so let us worship God.

***HYMN #401**

Here in this Place, Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

Betty Plese

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

God of all the saints,

God of all the sinners,

hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike –

holy, good, patient, loving.

But we end up feeling more like sinners –

full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.

Perhaps You see us simply as human –

as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.

In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done,

and bless the good we have accomplished.

Keep on loving us,

and helping us,

and molding us

more and more into the image of Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ursula Messano

***GLORIA #581**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Ursula Messano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Betty Plese

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1-8 (pg. 686)

Betty Plese

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
(Ch. Hubert Parry)

Summer Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 17) Rev. Ursula Messano

SERMON

"Fighting Faith"

Rev. Ursula Messano

***HYMN #379**

We Shall Overcome

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (hymnal pg. 35) Rev. Ursula Messano

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Ursula Messano

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

Kyle Osborne

***DOXOLOGY #606**

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**

***HYMN #757**

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Ursula Messano

POSTLUDE

Kingsford Trumpet Tune
(Alfred Fedak)

Kyle Osborne

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Join us following worship for Coffee Fellowship as well as a
Post-Worship Discussion in the Mary Jane Masters Room.

We are grateful for your offering by cash or check in the offering
plate or online at fpcfarmington.org



Today's Ushers: Steve & Monica Sorrels, Terry Mosher

Prayer concerns: All those in mourning for: Jeff Kiraly; Louise Estep, Stuart Watkins, Paul Farm, Bob McDonald Barbara Slaugh, Kathy Banks.

For Nicole Lambson; Ronnie Wells; Sylvia Ortiz; Inez & Merle; Robert Wood; Raydel Hall; Duane Grace; Nadia Logan; Alan & Sandy Nelson; Rick; Sally Currie; Kathy Stewart; Karlos Kreiner; Merle Bancroft; Barbara McQueen; Kathy Gomez; David Beers; Richard Lieurance; Bob Plese; Kathleen Valencia; Michelle; Sean & Amber; Joann Gard; Joe Shanton; Jeff & Alexandria; Molly Trecker; Loretta Carlson; Kim & Ron Noyes; Henry Plumber; Nate Ashbaugh & Family; Greg Ashbaugh; Norma Betz; Christopher; Jim Stinson; Sandy Williamson; Mike Shepler; Don & Judy Hitt; Terri Fisher; Nina Sahanets; Dean Foust; Madison; Ed & Judy Winters; Vicki Archer & Family; John Paul McLemore; Daphne Morrison; Alan VanRiper; Jack Klotz; Kaison; Sony Attencio & Family; Tonia; Julie Rapp; Betsy Yazzie; Inez Bancroft; Tennille Taylor; Chelsey Renn; Malcom Holm; Tura Hayes; Beverly Reese; Ed Singer; Sam & Mia Fisk; Jacob Bean; Grace Shippey; Delthea Baneroft; Beth Klotz; Barbara James; Eunice Howard; Larry Brewer; Richard Fitzhugh; Betty McConnel; Cruz Marez; Evelyn Young; Rhonda & Fred Wagner; Craig O'Kelley; Arlene Butler; Janet Patterson

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, August 16:**
 - Adult Sunday School 9am, Howieson Room (south)
 - Post-Worship Discussion: Following Worship, Mary Jane Masters Room
- **Monday, August 17:**
 - Nancy's Pantry Distribution: 10am-1pm, south entrance.
- **Thursday, August 20:**
 - Nancy's Pantry Distribution: 10am-1pm, south entrance.
 - Book Group: 12 pm, Williams Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are in need of volunteers to distribute grocery boxes from Nancy's Pantry on Mondays & Thursdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Sign up in the Narthex, church office, or using a connection card!
- The 21st Annual Totah Drums of Fall is Saturday, September 12 at McGee Park.
- The Adult Sunday School will take a break before starting the next book series on "The Pollen Path" by Margaret Scheville Sunday, September 13. Talk to Allen DeSalme about purchasing a new book.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Four Corners CROP HUNGER WALK

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

9 AM at 3 RIVERS ESTATES

981 West Broadway
Farmington, NM



***Help Jules reach
her goal!***

To give, scan the code
with your phone, type the
URL below into your
computer, or talk to
Larry and Julie Rapp!



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/first-presbyterian-5>

No one in this world should be hungry.

CROP Hunger Walk is part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them – while supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

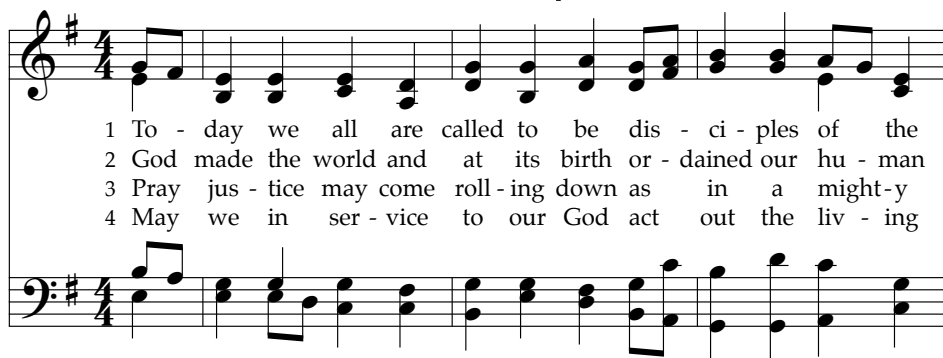
Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -

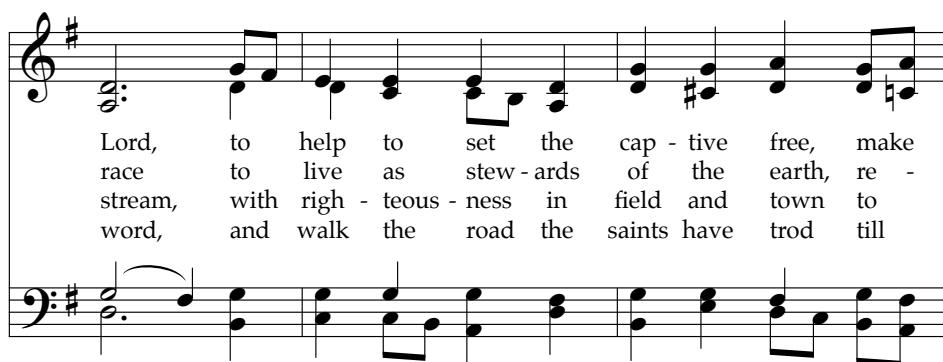
lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a work song aboard slave ships.

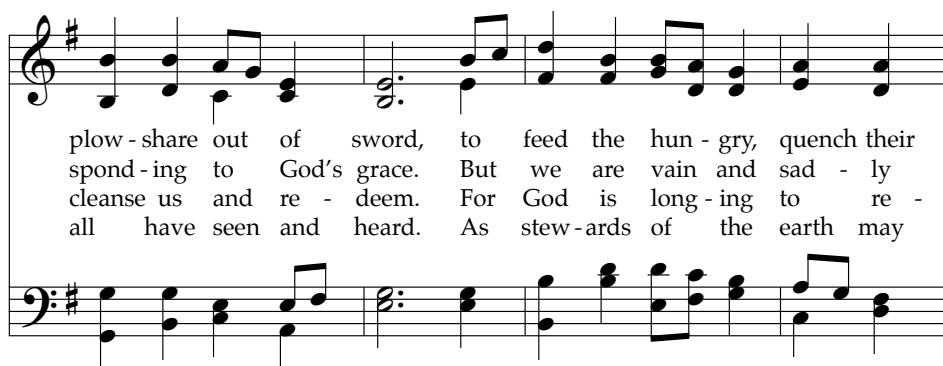
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

FPC PRESENTS

OPERA IN THE AFTERNOON

*Music by Mozart, Puccini, Rossini, Donizetti, Gounod,
Offenbach, Schubert, Copland, Rodgers and Hammerstein*

STARRING



Eun Ah Roh

Soprano



Jonathan Patton

Baritone

Kyle Osborne

Collaborative Pianist

MONDAY, SEPT. 7 | 2 PM

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