

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Seventy-Third Anniversary Sunday**

May 10, 2026

8:15 am and 11:00 am Worship Services



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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

*\*Congregation standing*

*+The congregation is invited to kneel.*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **+Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# THE LORD CALLS US

## Call to Worship

## Anniversary Hymn and Anthem

Choir: Long may peace within this dwelling Have its resting place;  
Angel shields all harm repelling, God, our God of grace.  
May the dove-like Spirit guide us to the upright land!  
May the Saviour-Shepherd feed us from his gentle hand!  
*Robert Murray McCheyne/John Wykoff*

\*Congregation:

“Unless the Lord the House Shall Build”

No. 365 (Psalm 127)

*Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Ps. 127:1*

1. Un - less the Lord the house shall build, the wea - ry  
2. In vain you rise ere morn - ing break, and late your  
3. Lo, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from  
4. And blest the man whose age is cheered by stal - wart

build - ers toil in vain; un - less the Lord the  
night - ly vig - ils keep, and of the bread of  
God in ver - y truth; with ar - rows is his  
sons and daugh - ters fair; no en - e - mies by

cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.  
toil par - take; God gives to his be - lov - ed sleep.  
quiv - er stored, who joys in chil - dren of his youth.  
him are feared, no lack of love, no want of care.

Choir:            May the dove-like Spirit guide us to the upright land!  
                      May the Saviour-Shepherd feed us from his gentle hand!  
                      Long may peace within this dwelling Have its resting place;  
                      Angel shields all harm repelling, God, our God of grace.

Congregation:        Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
                              Praise him, all creatures here below;  
                              Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
                              Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Choir:                Amen

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

### **+Confession of Sin**

#### *Silent Prayer*

#### *Corporate Prayer*

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive our sins, Heavenly Father, for they are great. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. *Amen.*

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Psalm 103:10-12 (ESV)

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

\*Hymn

"Amazing Grace!"

No. 460

*Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?*  
1 Chron. 17:16

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line and a bass line. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: G, D7, Em, C, G, G7, D7, G. The second system also includes a vocal line and a bass line. Above the vocal line, the following chords are indicated: C, G, G, Em, G, D7, G, G7. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779  
St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.  
Traditional American melody  
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

# THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

8:15am Service

“When Peace Like A River/The Water Is Wide” .....arr. By Rachel Trelstad Porter

11:00 am Service

“Sonatina”, BWV 106.....J. S. Bach

### Procedure

- If you are new with us this morning, we would love to have a record of your visit and would appreciate it if you would fill out one of the little white visitor cards in the pew rack in front of you, and place that - and only that - in the offering plate as it is passed.
- Members and adherents can give by placing checks or cash in the plate. Envelopes can be used to designate ministries or, when giving cash, for contribution records.
- For online giving, text “faithtacoma” to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) for a link to our online giving portal, or visit [faithtacoma.org/give](http://faithtacoma.org/give).

### \*Gloria Patri

2nd century; tr.

C. Meineke (1782-1850)  
GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE), Irreg.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

### \*Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*

### Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3:1-11 (ESV Marginal Translation)

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, <sup>7</sup> blameless. <sup>8</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>9</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>10</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>11</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>12</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

### Sermon

“Conformed to His Sacrificial Love”

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

## The Lord's Supper

### Procedure

- The order will generally be the balcony, and then the main floor starting in the back.
- There will be two lines, with congregants entering via the inside aisle and returning to their seats via the outside aisles.
- There are two options for bread: regular bread on the plate or packaged gluten free bread marked "GF" in the basket. There are two options for the cup: wine in colored cups or juice in clear cups.
- The mobility impaired will be served in their seats after the line ends. Please be sure to alert one of the servers if you have that need.
- You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, the pastors or elders would love to talk to you further about this after the service. Please introduce yourself to one of them. We are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

*Lord Jesus, help me to see that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but that through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, help me now to trust in you as my Savior and my King. Amen.*

As our covenant children are able to express their faith in Jesus Christ, we want to encourage them to seek admission to the Lord's Table (Book of Church Order 57-1). Our denominational constitution requires that baptized children be able to articulate a credible, age-appropriate confession of faith to the elders in order to be admitted to the Table. If you have a child who would like to begin taking the Lord's Supper, please reach out to the pastors, elders, or the church office to schedule a time when you and your child can meet with a couple of our elders.

\*Hymn

"Go, Labor On"

No. 584

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal. 6:9*

1. Go, la - bor on: spend and be spent, your joy to  
2. Go, la - bor on: 'tis not for naught; your earth - ly  
3. Go, la - bor on: e - nough while here if he should  
4. Go, la - bor on while it is day: the world's dark

do the Fa - ther's will; it is the way the  
loss is heav'n - ly gain; men heed you, love you,  
praise you, if he deign your will - ing heart to  
night is has - t'ning on. Speed, speed your work, cast

Mas - ter went; should not the ser - vant tread it still?  
praise you not; the Mas - ter prais - es— what are men?  
mark and cheer; no toil for him shall be in vain.  
sloth a - way; it is not thus that souls are won.

5. Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray;  
be wise the erring soul to win;  
go forth into the world's highway,  
compel the wand'rer to come in.

6. Toil on, and in your toil rejoice;  
for toil comes rest, for exile home;  
soon shall you hear the Bridegroom's voice,  
the midnight peal, "Behold, I come."

**\*Hymn**

**“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”**

Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833  
Alt. 1990

BETHANY (Smart), aka CRUCIFER, 8.7.8.7.D.  
Henry Thomas Smart (1867)

♩ = 110

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and fol - low\_ thee;  
2. Let the world de - pise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior\_ too;  
3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'twill but drive me to thy\_ breast;  
4. Take, my soul, thy full sal - va - tion, rise o'er sin and fear and\_ care;  
5. Has - ten on from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and winged by\_ prayer;

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des - ti - tute, de - spised for - sa - ken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; thou art not, like man, un - true;  
life with tri - als hard may press me, heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest;  
joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion some - thing still to do or bear;  
heav'n's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.

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Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
and, while thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love, and might,  
O 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;  
think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee, what a Fa - ther's smile is thine;  
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion, swift shall pass thy pil - grim days;

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yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own.  
foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.  
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed with thee.  
what a Sav - ior died to win thee: child of heav'n shouldst thou re - pine?  
hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

### **\*The Charge**

### **\*The Benediction**

### **+Silent Prayer**

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by your mercy and power protect us in our most holy faith; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another Comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever:  
Even the spirit of truth.

*Thomas Tallis/ed. Thomas Dunn*

### **Postlude**

# DUTIES & VOLUNTEERS

This Week, May 10, 2026

## Welcome & Announcement Elders

Jeff David

8:15 am

Ryan Gross

11:00 am

## Deacons Benevolence

Brandon Welch & Bill Brodersen

8:15 am

## Congregational Petitions Leaders

Jonathan Nichols

8:15 am

Jason Clapp

11:00 am

## Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Kathy Somerville

8:15 am

Ranee Clapp & Miriam Halinen

11:00 am

## Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan

8:15 am

Ali Nichols

11:00 am

## Building Monitors

Chad Isenberger

11:00 am

Bill Brodersen

6:00 pm

Next Week, May 17, 2026

## Welcome & Announcement Elders

Paul Darby

8:15 am

Steve O'Ban

11:00 am

## Deacons Benevolence

Bill Brodersen & Mike Hanks

8:15 am

## Congregational Petitions Leaders

Nate Carlson

8:15 am

Ray Weigley

11:00 am

## Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Barbi David

8:15 am

Callie Salzman & Tamara Hanks

11:00 am

## Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan

8:15 am

Ali Nichols

11:00 am

## Building Monitors

Hans Kvale

11:00 am

Scott Bennett

6:00 pm

# TODAY

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am – 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	4:15 pm – 5:55 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

### Children's Sunday School

A Sunday School map with class information and locations is available on the website ([faithtacoma.org/Sunday-School](http://faithtacoma.org/Sunday-School)) and on the bureau in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.

### Adult Sunday School Class

#### The Atonement, the Heart of the Gospel

In his classic book *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer calls the atonement, and more precisely, substitutionary penal atonement, the heart of the gospel. Why would he say that?

Consider these questions: Do you want to know how deeply our holy God hates sin? Look at what the perfect man Jesus suffered on the Cross. Do you want to know how much the holy God loves you and wanted to remove the barrier of sin? See how the Father made his perfect Son *to be sin* "so that we might become the righteousness of God." Do you want to know how much Jesus loves you and wanted to make you his brother or sister so he could enjoy fellowship with you now and forever? Look to him "who *for the joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame.*" Do you want to know that God will not give up on you, even after your repeated sins? Then consider Jesus, who "poured out his soul to death *and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*"

Studying what the Bible says about the atonement Jesus made for us on the Cross can deepen our understanding and appreciation for the glorious gospel of grace. For that reason alone, we urge you to consider attending this class. Another reason for attending, however, is that this doctrine, the heart of the gospel, is under serious attack even by many who call themselves "evangelicals." We should understand why they consider this doctrine, so long cherished by the people of God, to be unbiblical. All the more reason why we should see how this doctrine is woven throughout the Bible and held up as the glory of God and the hope of sinners.

Come join us in the Sanctuary as Mike Pfefferle continues to lead us in this Adult Sunday School class.

### **Women's Ministry Fellowship Sunday School Class**

The women's Sunday School class will continue their conversations around current cultural issues that impact our neighbors, our families, and ourselves. How can we think biblically about and respond graciously to issues like IVF/surrogacy, LGBT, evolution, and more.

If you like to think about cultural issues or have questions about these issues, please join us in the Fellowship House during the Sunday School hour.

### **Music**

Thank you to Nico Roberts for playing the cello and Benjamin Mellott for playing the violin during our 11:00 service.

### **This Evening**

Pastor Nicoletti will continue his series on "Jesus's Guidance for Living in a Society Under Judgment" from Mark 13. This week's sermon is "Faithful in an Unfaithful World."

# CALENDAR

## May 11 – May 17

*For details please check the announcements below or the website.*

*You may contact the church office with questions: [office@faithtacoma.org](mailto:office@faithtacoma.org)*

### Monday – May 11

- Better English on 6th 6:50 pm – 8:30 pm

### Tuesday – May 12

- Women's Morning Bible Study, Fellowship House 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Young Professionals, Fellowship House 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### Wednesday – May 13

- Mother's Encouragement Group, Fellowship House 9:30am – 12:00 pm

- Sr High D-Groups, Exordium (girls), Library (boys) 2:20 pm – 3:20 pm

- Prayer Meeting, Old Narthex 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

*"Prayer and praises go in pairs; They have praises who have prayers." --Bishop Taylor Smith*

- Choristers Rehearsal, Choir Room 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Junior & Senior High Youth Groups, DeSoto Hall 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

### Thursday – May 14

- Men's Prayer & Bible Reading, Conference Room 6:30 am – 7:30 am

- PB&J Ministry, DeSoto Hall 9:00 am – 10:30 am

- Seniors' Munch and Mingle, Cogir at the Narrows 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

### Ascension Sunday – May 17

Morning Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am – 10:45 am

Choir Rehearsal 4:15 pm – 5:55 pm

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

WMF Spring Tea, May 23

Vacation Bible School, June 22-26

WMF Fall Retreat, October 1-3

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WMF Ladies' Spring Tea!

Saturday, May 23

We'll start mingling at 10:30 and sitting down to start at 11:00.

Our design theme this year is Beautiful Chaos, and Lesley Pollack will be talking about Noticing: How it Leads to Praise, Connection, and Revival.

Tickets are \$10 and available today in the Narthex. Pay by cash, check, or credit card. Note that the QR code on your mailed postcard is incorrect—pick up a corrected postcard today!

Help decorate a table!

You can decorate and set the whole table with all your fabulous things, mix and match your things with church dishes and decorations, or help by setting a table with all church items. Every bit of help....helps.

No Theme, No Color Scheme, just Beautiful Chaos.

Sign up today to be in charge of a table.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26**

This summer, get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at our *Genesis1: Space Mission* Vacation Bible School! Whether you hope to enroll young "astronauts" or would like to help out the mission crew, be sure to mark your calendars so you can be a part of this exciting week. Classes are available for kids 4 years old through 6th grade and childcare will be provided for volunteers' little ones under the age of 4. Each day begins at 9am and closes at noon. Online registration will open on Monday, May 11 at [vbspro.events/p/events/faithtacoma](https://vbspro.events/p/events/faithtacoma).

If you have any questions or already know you can volunteer, please contact Heidi Bone at [faithpresvbs@gmail.com](mailto:faithpresvbs@gmail.com).

### **4th of July Church-Wide Gathering!**

The Johnsen family are opening up their home for a church-wide 4th of July gathering, and everyone is invited!

When: July 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Where: 23909 Entwistle Road East, Buckley, WA 98321

Food: Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. They kindly ask that guests bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks to share.

Water Fun: They will have a water slide and a dunk tank, plus a toddler/infant water play pad for the little ones.

\*Please remember to bring your own towels!

Games & Entertainment: There will be a bounce house and a variety of large outdoor yard games.

What to Bring: To stay comfortable, please bring your own chairs and a shade structure/canopy if you have one available.

If anyone has questions, they can reach out to Jami at (206) 450-3999. It will be a great day of fellowship!

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Better English on Sixth ESL Classes**

Better English is Monday nights, 6:50 pm - 8:30 pm. Everyone loves English, and Better English is great fun! If you speak English regularly and sometimes smile, you are highly qualified to serve by sitting side-by-side with international friends to receive English lessons in the classroom and then practice conversations with a partner. Everyone who tries it loves it! You will too! If Monday nights aren't good for you, consider helping us during the Sunday School hour, or partnering with some of our sister ministries, Better English hosted by Sunset Bible or Chambers Bay Bible.

### **PB&J Ministry**

We are making sandwiches here at Faith each week on Thursday at 9:00 am - 10:30 am in DeSoto Hall for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please join us if you are able!

### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

We are seeking additional volunteers to help care for the children in our nursery during the services. This is one way in which we can keep our baptismal vows and also help provide young mothers with the ability to attend worship. If you are willing to help, please contact Farnoush Katouzian, our Nursery Supervisor. We hope to have enough volunteers that each volunteer would only serve a few times per year.

### **Tacoma Rescue Mission Meal Service**

We serve a meal at the Tacoma Rescue Mission on the second Saturday of each month. Look for a bulletin announcement with details two weeks ahead of our turn to serve in the following month. If you are hoping to help us serve, please contact Sandy Milton, as you will need to complete a little paperwork a few days prior to your first time serving at the Mission.

### **Paid Nursery Attendant Position Available**

The church is looking to hire nursery attendants to minister to our covenant children during both the 8:15 am and 11:00 am services. Applicants should be at least 18 years old, have experience with childcare, be able to follow safety and security policies and procedures, and should be regularly attending the alternate morning service. (We do not wish for this position to hinder someone from regular Sunday morning worship!) Please contact the church office if you are interested in applying.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

### **Women's Ministry of Faith Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Join us for a study of JI Packer's classic book, *Knowing God*. This book answers the questions why we should know God, what God is like, and what are the benefits of knowing God. Packer says that ignorance of God's ways and how to communicate with Him lie at the root of much of the church's weakness today. The fact is that few self-proclaimed Christians in America hold to a Christian worldview. Maybe it's because we really don't know God. If you're interested in this study, dust off your old copy of *Knowing God* or buy it where books are sold, and join us in the Fellowship House on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

### **Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study**

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship House  
We will be studying Jen Wilkin's *Joshua: Every Good Promise Fulfilled*. In this 10-session, verse-by-verse study of the book of Joshua, Jen Wilkin helps us see how God's commands are always rooted in His steadfast love for His people and points to a better Joshua, Jesus Christ. The Joshua study book can be purchased on Amazon at: [bit.ly/JoshuaPromise](http://bit.ly/JoshuaPromise) and the Joshua CSB Scripture Notebook at: [bit.ly/JoshuaCSB](http://bit.ly/JoshuaCSB). Contact Tammy Hanks for more information.

### **Young Professionals**

If you are a young professional and are single, dating, or married (without kids) we would like to invite you to join us! We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for dinner and discussions on topics relevant to Christian professionals. We also host events like hikes, BBQs, and bowling nights. Stay updated on upcoming events by contacting Pastor Gutiérrez to get in the loop!

### **Mother's Encouragement Group**

The Mother's Encouragement Group (MEG) meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays at the Fellowship House from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Come enjoy a morning of fellowship, discussion, prayer and snacks with other mothers of young children. Join us as we do life together as sisters in Christ. Childcare is provided on site. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 13.

### **Men's Prayer & Bible Reading**

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 am in the Conference Room. We are currently reading in the New Testament. Please join us as we read and pray for each other and the world.

### **Seniors' Munch & Mingle**

All seniors 75+ are invited to fellowship, encourage, and have some fun together every second Thursday of the month from 12:30 pm -2:00 pm! We will meet at Cogir at the Narrows, just a short hop from church! This time is for men and women and is always an uplifting time. There will be snacks and coffee or tea served. Come on out and meet a most fun group in the church! Contact Jennifer Sullivan with questions or if you need ride arrangements. Those dates for this year are: 5/14, 6/11, and 7/9.

### **Small Groups**

Looking to build Christian community and develop deeper friendships with other families of our church? Our small group ministry seeks to meet this need through hospitality, sermon discussion, and prayer for one another. Please check out our website for a description of this ministry, and to contact Pastor White to get connected to a group!

**On the Cover:** Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3:2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters Samuel Rutherford reminds his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."