

Summer Sermon Series

The graphic consists of five overlapping circles in a horizontal row. From left to right, the circles are teal, green, yellow, orange, and light blue. Each circle contains a photograph of people playing. The teal circle shows a group of people, the green circle shows a person in a green shirt, the yellow circle shows a man smiling, the orange circle shows a person in an orange shirt, and the light blue circle shows a young child laughing. The text "SEASON OF Play" is overlaid on the circles, with "SEASON OF" in white sans-serif font and "Play" in a white script font.

SEASON OF *Play*

Week 4: “Joy in the Wild”

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**First United
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Our Vision

To be a central hub of Christian ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:

**Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering**

August 30, 2026

8:15 & 10:45 AM

Prelude “Prelude on CONSOLATOR (Come, Ye Disconsolate)” (Ashdown)
 “There is Joy in Serving Jesus” (Ackley/Smith)
 Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

*Call to Worship

Leader: Does a child's chalk-drawn heart on the sidewalk cause you to smile?
Does the sight of two seniors silently playing chess draw your attention?

People: Yes! Such sights stir something deeper than words.

Leader: So it is when we sing and pray and dream together.

People: May our gathering here be a gift to others:

Leader: May we be visible good news to the world,

All: signs of hope, sounds of grace.

*Hymn No. 139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Common Prayer

O God who invites us to be one family, we come to you from every walk of life, from every background, and every age to celebrate your love. As we bring you thanks and praise today, let it be good practice for the party that will last forever, where the best is always yet to come. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Scripture Zechariah 8:4-5 (*pew Bible, OT, p. 831*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:15 AM) Anthem “He Shall Feed His Flock” (John Ness Beck)
Kathy Seaber, soprano; Judy Williams, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem “Give Me Jesus” (Howard Helvey)
Summer Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 528 “Nearer My God To Thee” (stanza 1)

**Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that
raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer,
my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

Pastoral Prayer

8:15 AM: Pastor Laura 10:45AM: Pastor Jason

(10:45 AM) The Lord's Prayer

** * Children age 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 644

“ Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

Scripture

John 2:1-11

(pew Bible, NT, p. 87)

Message

Series: Season of Play

Pastor Jason Ríos

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*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881

Apostles' Creed

*Song of Praise, No. 174

“His Name is Wonderful”

**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name
is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all
ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done
your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the
cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

Receiving the Offering “Hymn of Promise” (Natalie Sleeth)
Kathy Seaber, soprano; John Darrenkamp, baritone
Judy Williams, piano

*Doxology, No. 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 617 “I Come with Joy”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 617 “I Come with Joy” (stanza 1)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

Postlude “Gigue for Fanfare Trumpet” (Austin Lovelace)
Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Ushers– Mark Stoner, Don Herneisen
Mike Cole

Acolyte – Rachel Ridgeway

Liturgist – Susan Graybill

Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi

Projector- Christian Faux

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief – Bruce Grove

Acolyte – Rachel Ridgeway

Liturgist – Doug Friant

Sound Tech - Amayah DiBiasi

Projector/Livestream– Christian Faux

Pastors– Jason Rios & Laura Sambrick

Ministers– First Church Congregation

The flowers in church today are given in celebration of the wedding of **Benjamin Hawes & Anya Held**, who are being married this afternoon.

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