

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

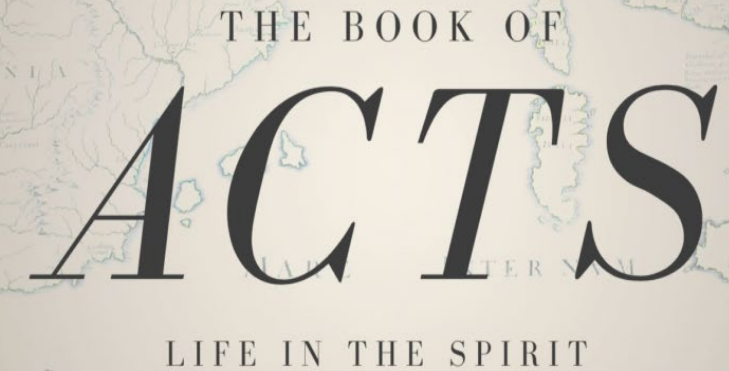
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Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, The Chancel and JuBELLation Choirs.

The flowers today are in honor of all mothers of the congregation for Mother's Day given by Reid Calcott.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



- The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.
- **The last day of Sunday school is TODAY** with a celebration of a fantastic year!
- **2nd at Second** will meet following worship **TODAY** and next Sunday, May 25. There are 2 lessons left, so this Sunday will be on Revelation: Envisioning God's Reality, & next Sunday will finish it up with The Quest for Unity in the New Testament.
- **There will be a combined June & July newsletter. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 21.**

Save the Date

The JuBELLation handbells will be performing a concert at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 8, at 4 PM. Please mark your calendar and look for more information soon.



National Foster Care Month is celebrated in May, and the Mission Committee has chosen to acknowledge this important subject by supporting "River Jordan, Inc.," located in Bay City, Michigan, and serving surrounding counties. River Jordan's mission statement reads: "to empower current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society." This is

particularly important to those youth 18-21 years of age who have "aged out" of foster care and require "a safety net," including shelter and support services. Pamphlets concerning River Jordan's mission and services will be available on the Mission table, and you may also explore their services online at **www.riverjordaninc.com** and view the YouTube video "I changed my story" of the founder's life story and how this organization came into being. There are volunteer opportunities (if interested, information and specifics found in website/pamphlet).

Summer Special Music



Would you like to help lead in worship this summer? This summer, while the choir is on break, I am looking for singers and instrumentalists to help with the special music. If you would like to play or sing during worship, please talk to me and we can arrange that. I am happy to accompany you, and can also help you find music if

you are interested but aren't quite sure what would be appropriate. —Thomas Heidenreich 513-746-8876 / music@spcsaginaw.org

Acts 11:1-18 New International Version

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him **3** and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

4 Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: **5** "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. **6** I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. **7** Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

8 "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' **10** This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

11 "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. **12** The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. **14** He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

15 "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with^[a] water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.' **17** So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."