

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Gathering Music

Song of Ascent Come, Thou Fount *Trinity Hymnal (TH)* No. 457

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-4 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
People: So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.
Leader: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise You.
All: So I will bless You as long as I live;
in Your name I will lift up my hands.

Song of Praise Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

Refrain: Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God.
Come and worship the holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God. *Refrain*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a holy God. Only my holy God! *Refrain*
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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Matthew 6:19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness Galatians 3:13

Leader: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—
for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”
All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul!
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flow’rs we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed — my ransom paid, at the cross. *Refrain*
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Recognition of Graduates

8:15 Lindsey Ruth Butler; Carter Lee Cavin; Barrett Evans Grant;
Ainsley Elizabeth Kelly; Thomas Al Saunders III; Katherine Ann Sterling

11:00 Lauren Olivia Appleby; Grace Perry Cobb; Jackson Henry Cooke;
Andrew Scott Giadrosich; Samuel Robert Henry; Noah Thomas Holmes;
Helen Frances Hotten; Annemarie Grace Merrill; Mary Grace Murphy;
Lucille Delane Pankey; Sweden Scott Petry; Luke David Schultz

Prayers of the People Patrick Bush, Faith Student Ministries Director

Worship: that we would serve the Lord with gladness
Community: for our graduating seniors
Mission: for Luke and Michelle Stannard, with MTW in Germany
All Generations: for the architects, contractors, and others who are helping with the project

Reading of the Scripture 1 Corinthians 7:6-9, 25-35, 38-40

⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. [. . .]

²⁵ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. [. . .]
³⁸ So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

Preaching of God's Word Singleness Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Deep, Wondrous Love arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Closing Hymns The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free, fixed on His own eternally.
Nor earth nor hell can it remove. Long as He lives His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting surety.
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

Refrain: Love cannot from its post withdraw; nor death nor hell nor sin nor law
Can turn the surety's heart away. He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood, and love will bring them safe to God.
Love calls them all from death to life, and love will finish all their strife.

At death beyond the grave He'll love; in endless bliss His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.
CCLI Song # 4301532. Sandra McCracken | William Gadsby.

Be Thou My Vision *TH* No. 642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art —
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking of sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joy, O bright heav’n’s Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Doxology

Benediction

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper at Faith

If you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, are earnestly repentant of your sins, are willing to renew your commitment to Christ, and are a member in good standing with a branch of Christ’s church that preaches Jesus Christ as the only way to God the Father, we welcome you to partake of this sacrament with us. An usher will dismiss rows starting at the front of each section.

Please come forward using the center aisle, and wait until an usher directs you to one of the stations. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the trays of elements are passed. Cups with wine and cups with juice are marked on the trays. You will consume the elements while you are at the front. Return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the elements to you.

Children and adults who have not yet professed their faith in Christ or been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward with their families for prayer. Children and adults should partake only after professing their faith publicly.

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Sundays at Faith


Adults and Students

Kingdom Communities meet at 9:45 a.m. A map of classroom locations is available at the welcome desk in the upper gathering hall.



**FAITH STUDENT
MINISTRIES**
Room 234
7th-12th graders



MOSAIC
Room 168
*Singles and married
couples in their
late 20s to early 30s*



CORNERSTONE
Room 145
*Parents of older elemen-
tary-junior high students;
singles and couples in
their late 30s or 40s*



GENESIS
Room 101
*Singles and married
couples in their
early 20s*



COVENANT
Room 144
*Singles and married couples
with or without young
children in their late 20s to
mid 30s*


CROSSROADS
(across Buckton Road)
*Parents of senior high
and college students;
singles and couples
primarily in their mid 40s
or 50s*


TAPESTRY
Room 103
*Singles and couples
primarily in their late 60s,
70s or 80s*


EXODUS
Room 102
*Singles and married
couples in their
mid 20s to early 30s*


COMMON GROUND
Room 104
*Parents of early elementary-
age children; singles and
couples in their mid 30s to
mid 40s*


SOJOURNERS
Room 214
*Parents of adult children;
singles and couples
primarily in their late 50s
or 60s*

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May 5, 2024

Church Picnic Food Item Volunteers

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Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org or on the Faith PCA app.

Church Picnic: Our annual church picnic at the Kinnebrews' farm (90 Bishop Lane) is this afternoon from 4–6 p.m.

Faith Cookbook: Today is the last day to send in a recipe!

All Generations Congregational Meeting: We will have an All Generations congregational meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.