

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Gathering Music

**Song of Ascent** God So Loved

Come, all you weary. Come, all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water.  
Come and thirst no more.

Come, all you sinners. Come find His mercy.  
Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness.  
Find what you're looking for.

*Refrain:* For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures. Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

*Refrain:* For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated,  
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

*Bridge:* Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

*Ending:* Bring all your failures. Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

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**Call to Worship** Psalm 149:1–4 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the godly!  
Let Israel be glad in His Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**All:** Let them praise His name with dancing,  
making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!  
For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;  
He adorns the humble with salvation.

**Song of Praise** I Will Sing

With my mouth I will tell of Your faithfulness.  
I'll declare, Lord, Your covenant with my life.

*Refrain:* I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love.  
I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.  
I will sing, O I will sing.

Lord, You are the glory of all our strength,  
Your presence along the way for all our days.

*Bridge:* O Lord God Almighty, who is like You?  
O Lord God Almighty, none beside You;  
O Lord God Almighty, all the earth and sky belong to You.

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## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Call to Confession** James 2:8-10

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

## Prayer of Confession

**Hymn of Confession** Lord, Lord, Lord

Lord, Lord, Lord, please restore our trust.  
We've lost our way. Lord, we've strayed from love.  
We've broken vows; we've wasted breath;  
We've stolen life; we've tasted death.

*Refrain:* Lamb of God, take away our sin. Have mercy; have mercy.  
Jesus Christ, holy sacrifice, have mercy; have mercy on us.

We need You now to forgive our sin.  
Replace our stone hearts with flesh again.  
Undo the curse, and heal our faith.  
Unleash Your power. Lord, come and save.

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## Offer of Forgiveness

Isaiah 43:25

**Leader:** I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.  
**All:** We receive Your great mercy, O God!

**Hymn of Rejoicing** His Mercy Is More

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. *Refrain*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. *Refrain*

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**Prayers of the People** This Week's Prayer Focus Tyler Whitson, elder

**Worship:** for grateful hearts (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**Community:** for those in law enforcement, firefighters, and EMTs

**Mission:** for Miriam Grady with Mission to the World, Czech Republic

**All Generations:** for the officers and the building committee as they make important decisions

## Reading of the Scripture

Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Preaching of God's Word** A Hopeful Church 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** Christ, the Crucified arr. Faye López

**Closing Hymns** Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together;  
The poor are blessed; the weary rest. We will dance forever.

The blinded see; the chained are free; the doubtful, now believer;  
The outcast known, the orphan home; You are my Redeemer.

*Refrain:* Behold, behold, behold what love can do.  
Behold, behold, He's making all things new.

The lost return; the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing;  
The mountains shake; the world awake, creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed; the song has found its singer.  
The darkness light, the dead alive; You are my Redeemer.

*Bridge:* We've been struck down; we're not destroyed.  
We've sown in tears; we'll reap in joy.  
We've been struck down; we're not destroyed.  
We've sown in tears; we'll reap in joy.  
Our eyes are open; our eyes are open.

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How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
"How great Thou art; how great Thou art."  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
"How great Thou art; how great Thou art!"

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*

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## Benediction

## Sending

## 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.

## Church Officers

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## Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at [faith-pca.org](http://faith-pca.org) or on the Faith PCA app.

**Grace Groups:** Contact Jamie Peterson ([jpeterson@faith-pca.org](mailto:jpeterson@faith-pca.org)) to join a group.

**Foundations of Faith:** If you are interested in joining Faith or in knowing more about this church and Christianity, register for our membership classes on October 6, 13, 20, and 27.

**Faith Choir:** Choir rehearsals will meet Wednesday evenings beginning September 25 from 6:30–8 p.m. Contact Erin McDow ([erinmcdow@gmail.com](mailto:erinmcdow@gmail.com)) if you are interested.


## 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 elementary–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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### Children

For children ages K5 - 6th grade, KingdomKids meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Children's Ministry check-in is at the bottom of the worship center stairs.

### Nursery

For children birth - 4 years old, nursery is provided for both worship services and during Kingdom Communities. Check-in is available at the nursery entrance on the upper level.