

# A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

## Welcome

### Song of AscentAll Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry tongue and ev’ry tribe responsive to the call  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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### Call to WorshipExodus 15:1-2Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

**Leader:** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**All:** The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

### Song of PraiseI 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 ConfessionJames 3:14-17

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us for trusting in our own wisdom instead of trusting the wisdom of Your Word. Have mercy on us for welcoming and following our evil desires instead of shunning them. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore us, that we may love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Offer of ForgivenessEphesians 2:13

**Leader:** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**All:** We receive Your great mercy, O God!

### Hymn of RejoicingAnd Can It BeTrinity Hymnal No. 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Refrain:* Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

### Prayers of the People and Lord's PrayerAdam Shields, Director of Community

**Worship:** that we would faithfully share the gospel with our neighbors  
(Romans 10:14-15)

**Community:** for our Grace Groups

**Mission:** for Jake and Melissa Hunt, Serge, Czech Republic

**All Generations:** that this new building would be a space where the gospel is proclaimed for years to come

### Reading of the ScriptureRomans 9:1-18

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. <sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup> and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup> And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of Him who calls— <sup>12</sup> she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup> As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” <sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” <sup>18</sup> So then He has mercy on whomever He wills, and He hardens whomever he wills.

### Preaching of God's WordNo Resumé RequiredJason Sterling, Senior Pastor

### Confession of FaithNicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Invitation: Words, Welcome, WarningMatthew 26:26-29

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Distribution of the Elements

### Communion HymnInstrumentalMary Blake Barlow

### Closing HymnsThe Goodness of Jesus

Come, you weary heart, now to Jesus! Come, you anxious soul, now and see!  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears. Rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Refrain:* Oh, the goodness, the goodness of Jesus! Satisfied, He is all that I need.  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the goodness of Jesus!

Come, find what this world cannot offer! Come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again. Rest here in His wondrous peace! *Refrain*

Come and find your hope now in Jesus. He is all He said He would be!  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart. Rest here in His wondrous peace! *Refrain*

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### Doxology Creed

I will hope in the Father, filled with bountiful love,  
Forming heaven and nature, feeding life from above.  
Who can fathom His greatness and His thundering might?  
Yet I’m safe in His arms now, for I am His delight.

What a wonder that Jesus came to heal and to save,  
Bearing sin and its suff’ring to the sting of the grave.  
Then He rose up in victory; He arose to the sky.  
Now He reigns till He comes again, where the joy never dies.

*Refrain:* Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, all you heav'nly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

What a gift of the Spirit, sent to help and assure,  
Praying for me with groanings, how I need ev’ry word.  
Giving life to a stone heart, giving life to the church,  
Now the pow’r of redemption breathing heaven on earth.

*Bridge:* I believe, believe, O triune God of love.  
I believe, believe You are merciful and just.  
I believe Your redemption, and I believe that death will die,  
And I will see resurrection, unto everlasting life.  
You are the Alpha, the Omega, beginning and the end.  
With all creation, we’re yearning — Oh, Yahweh, come again!  
Yours is the kingdom and the wisdom and the power evermore.  
Yours is the beauty and the glory we will endlessly adore.

*Bridge:* You are holy. Holy, holy, holy.

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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 your row, and you will exit to the side. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the 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 table. Return to your seat by way of the center aisle. If you cannot come forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the elements to you.

**Note for Children:** Children 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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To serve, to give, or if you have questions about missions, please contact Johnny Johnson ([ljohnson@faith-pca.org](mailto:ljohnson@faith-pca.org)).

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 and Side by Side Groups:** We are offering two ways to find community at Faith this year: Grace Groups and our new Side by Side Groups. Registration is now open on our website.

**Join Faith Choir:** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. starting September 2. Contact Sarah Remetich ([sremetich@faith-pca.org](mailto:sremetich@faith-pca.org)) for more information.

**Wood Drake Concert:** Save the date for a Wood Drake Sessions concert at Faith on Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m.

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.

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| <br><b>FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES</b><br>Room 215<br><i>7th-12th graders</i>                                                            | <br><b>COLLEGE</b><br>Room 153<br><i>Students, singles, and married couples in their late teens and early 20s</i>              | <br><b>GENESIS</b><br>Room 170<br><i>Singles and couples primarily in their early-mid 20s</i>                                                    |
| <br><b>EXODUS</b><br>Room 169<br><i>Singles and couples primarily in their mid 20s–early 30s</i>                                      | <br><b>MOSAIC</b><br>Room 158<br><i>Singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–early 30s</i>                              | <br><b>COVENANT</b><br>Room 134<br><i>Parents of young children; singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–30s</i>                         |
| <br><b>COMMON GROUND</b><br>Room 133<br><i>Parents of elementary-age children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 30s–40s</i> | <br><b>CORNERSTONE</b><br>Room 159<br><i>Parents of JrHi-age children; singles and couples primarily in their late 30s–40s</i> | <br><b>CROSSROADS</b><br>Room 157<br><i>Parents of SrHi-age children or college students; singles and couples primarily in their mid 40s–50s</i> |
| <br><b>HARVEST</b><br>Room 151<br><i>Parents of adult children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 50s–60s</i>              | <br><b>SOJOURNERS</b><br>Room 167<br><i>Singles and couples primarily in their mid 60s–70s</i>                               | <br><b>TAPESTRY</b><br>Room 155<br><i>Singles and couples primarily in their late 70s–80s</i>                                                  |

Children

For children ages K5 - 6th grade, KingdomKids meets Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The Children's Ministry check-in is in the new building on the first floor. Please follow the signs.

Nursery

For children birth - 4 years old, nursery is provided for both worship services and during Kingdom Communities. Check-in is available in the new building on the first floor. Please follow the signs.

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