A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Welcome

Song of Ascent — Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand!

Refrain: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good.
Where are His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore! *Refrain*

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Call to Worship — Psalm 92:1-4 — Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

People: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night,

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

All: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Song of Praise — Song of Moses

Oh, the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs!
Christ the Lord, the conqu'ring King, Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing!

Refrain: Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior! Praise the Lord, the glorious One!
By His hand we stand in victory! By His name we overcome!

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You.
You divide the raging sea. From death to life You safely lead!

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out,
"Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity!"

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession — 1 John 2:15-18

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life —is not from the Father but is from the world.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we humbly fall at Your feet, confessing our many sins. Our love for this world is too often greater than our love for You. We have prioritized our possessions, status, and career success in our pursuit for meaning and fulfillment. We have valued the ever-changing philosophies and wisdom of men more than Your unchanging, eternal truth. Forgive us for chasing the desires of our flesh and so quickly deserting You for the empty promises of this world. Have mercy on us and draw us back to Your side. Remind us that only Jesus can satisfy our deepest longings, and help us to wholeheartedly love You and walk in full obedience to Your ways. Amen.

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 — O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord our God!
O praise His name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord, our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!

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Prayers of the People — David Breland, elder

Worship: that we would abide in Christ, bearing fruit for His glory (John 15:5-8)
Community: for college students
Mission: for a partner in a sensitive area
All Generations: that God would be glorified in this church for generations to come

Reading of the Scripture — Romans 9:19-29 (page 961

19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who can resist His
will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say
to its molder, "Why have You made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the
clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for
dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show His wrath and to make known His
power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,
23 in order to make known the riches of His glory for vessels of mercy, which He has
prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom He has called, not from the Jews
only but also from the Gentiles? 25 As indeed He says in Hosea,

"Those who were not My people I will call 'My people,'
and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"
26 "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,'
there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"
27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of
Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, 28 for the Lord
will carry out His sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." 29 And as Isaiah
predicted,
"If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah."

Preaching of God's Word — The Potter and the Clay — Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.
People: Hallelujah! Let us keep the feast.
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn — My Faith Has Found a Resting Place *with* Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross — arr. Lloyd Larson

Closing Hymns — Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me — *TH* No. 499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. *Refrain*

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together; bring shalom. *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 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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Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at 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) 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.

FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES
Room 215
7th-12th graders

COLLEGE
Room 153
Students, singles, and married couples in their late teens and early 20s

GENESIS
Room 170
Singles and couples primarily in their early–mid 20s

EXODUS
Room 169
Singles and couples primarily in their mid 20s–early 30s

MOSAIC
Room 158
Singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–early 30s

COVENANT
Room 134
Parents of young children; singles and couples primarily in their late 20s–30s

COMMON GROUND
Room 133
Parents of elementary-age children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 30s–40s

CORNERSTONE
Room 159
Parents of JrHi-age children; singles and couples primarily in their late 30s–40s

CROSSROADS
Room 157
Parents of SrHi-age children or college students; singles and couples primarily in their mid 40s–50s

HARVEST
Room 151
Parents of adult children; singles and couples primarily in their mid 50s–60s

SOJOURNERS
Room 167
Singles and couples primarily in their mid 60s–70s

TAPESTRY
Room 155
Singles and couples primarily in their late 70s–80s

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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