



Welcome to our church!

We're glad you're here! We hope you experience the warmth and welcome of Christ our Savior in this community.



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

Our worst days are never so bad that we are beyond the reach of God's grace. And our best days are never so good that we are beyond the need of God's grace.

- Jerry Bridges, *The Discipline of Grace*

COVER ARTWORK

"By the Stream, Autumn" by Paul Gauguin (1885; Paris, France)

Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God’s word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in his gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Order of Worship

October 11, 2020 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

PEOPLE: **The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Let us drink deeply of these living waters.**

UNISON: **Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.**

Hymn of Rejoicing *This Is My Father’s World*

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This is my Father’s world and to my list’ning ears
All nature sings and ‘round me rings music of the spheres
This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white declare their Maker’s praise
This is my Father’s world, He shines in all that’s fair
In the rust’ling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me ev’rywhere

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father’s world, the battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heaven be one

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Charles Edward Holuta, son of Brent & Elise Holuta

Declaration to Our Covenant Children from the Church of Scotland

UNISON: For you Jesus Christ came into the world. For you He lived and showed God's love. For you He suffered the darkness of Calvary. For you He triumphed over death and rose to new life. For you He reigns at God's right hand. All this He did for you, Charlie, though you do not know it yet.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

Confession of God's People

UNISON: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to bear, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Our wounds are too severe to mend, too intimate to escape, and too painful to ignore. We have sinned, and we have been sinned against. God have mercy upon us. Grant to us the renewal of Your Son and the power of Your Spirit. Restore what sin has laid waste; our only hope is in You.

4 - Silent Prayers of Confession -

Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Has the world failed you?

PEOPLE: Always

LEADER: Has God failed you?

PEOPLE: Never

LEADER: Do you return to the Lord your God as your only trust?

PEOPLE: By grace, we do.

Assurance of God's Pardon from 2 Corinthians 5:17

LEADER: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone. Behold, the new has come.

Hymn of Renewal *Amazing Grace*

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Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

UNISON: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture Reading Acts 9:32-42

32Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. **33**There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. **34**And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. **35**And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. **37**In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. **38**Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” **39**So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. **40**But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. **41**And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. **42**And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord. **PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE NOTE:

Communion elements were passed out as you entered the Sanctuary. If you did not receive elements, please raise your hand and they will be brought to you. A gluten-free option is available as well.

Words of Institution

MINISTER: Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

UNISON: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ shall come again!

MINISTER: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Holy Communion

Communion

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a holy ordinance, wherein Christ and his gospel are represented and applied to His people. Though the bread and wine are not literally the body and blood of Jesus, this meal is far more than a sentimental reminder. It is spiritual nourishment to our souls and a means of growth in His grace. Communion is the family meal of Christians, and all followers of Jesus who are in good standing with His Church are invited to partake.

Hymn of Response *It Is Well With My Soul*

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When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

REFRAIN:

It is well with my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul (**REFRAIN**)

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul (**REFRAIN**)

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: **Go love your neighbor.**

Postlude



Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

(September & End of Fiscal Year numbers coming soon)

Announcements

“One Step” Race Application

As we seek the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass, we believe God is calling us to take seriously the issue of racial justice in our community. In light of this, we have created applications that we'd like everyone to consider: one step for your head, heart, and hands. Visit tcpca.org/onestep to learn more.

LAST CHANCE to Sign Up for Foundations Weekend

Registration is open until Wednesday for our membership class on October 16-17. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning, and breakfast and dinner are provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, go to tcpca.org/membership. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org.

Sunday School Pods & Children's Sunday School

Please check in at the entrance to the Gym for the following classes:

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten: Youth Room

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade: Gym

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade: Gym

Please check in at the Lower Level outer entrance for the following Pods:

Mac Holt Pod: Lower Level Classroom

Mark Randle Pod: Lower Level Boardroom

Please check in at the Trinity main entrance for the following Pods:

Nate Jones Pod: Art Room (above the Youth Room)

Richmond Pod: Fellowship Hall

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