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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...

Christians should live as if Jesus had died this morning, risen this afternoon, and was coming this evening.

- Martin Luther

COVER ARTWORK

Study of Flowers, Eugene Delacroix, 1847

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

January 24, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: This is the day that You have made, Lord.

PEOPLE: Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

LEADER: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as Your people:

PEOPLE: To come to You in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirit, to rest in all Your promises.

LEADER: Open our eyes to see You, Lord.

PEOPLE: Open our ears to hear Your Word.

LEADER: Visit us through Your Holy Spirit,

PEOPLE: And help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

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Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:4-14

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.

“For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”

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

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.

Confession of God's People

LEADER: "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

PEOPLE: But we have been rich in pride

LEADER: "Blessed are those who mourn."

PEOPLE: But we have little sorrow over sin and injustice

LEADER: "Blessed are the meek."

PEOPLE: But we have been a stiff-necked people

LEADER: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

PEOPLE: But we have fed ourselves with unrighteousness

LEADER: "Blessed are the merciful."

PEOPLE: But we been cruel and impatient

LEADER: "Blessed are the pure in heart."

PEOPLE: But we are filled with corruption

LEADER: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

PEOPLE: But we been divisive

LEADER: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

PEOPLE: But our lives have not challenged the world

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you turn from the ways of this world?

PEOPLE: We do

LEADER: Do you return to the ways of God's Kingdom?

PEOPLE: We do

Assurance of God's Pardon from Luke 12

LEADER: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Hymn of Renewal *My Wealth Is In The Cross* (Music on Page 10)

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Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

LEADER: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

PEOPLE: The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

PEOPLE: In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

PEOPLE: In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

LEADER: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

PEOPLE: In subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *Before The Throne Of God Above*

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convicting 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.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

*One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God*

Scripture Reading Acts 11:19-30

19Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. **20**But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. **21**And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. **22**The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. **23**When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, **24**for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. **25**So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, **26**and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

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27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). **29** So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. **30** And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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

Sermon Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister
“Admonitions from the First Christians”

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

Hymn of Response *Only Christ* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Scarlet crimes white as snow through Christ, only Christ
Crimson red now like wool through Christ, only Christ
Once for all like a flood made us pure, called us good
Sprinkled clean with His blood through Christ, only Christ

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Sermon

The preaching of God’s Word in the context of holy worship is the primary means of God’s voice to His people. Our trust is not in the ability of the preacher, but in the promise that God, by His Spirit working in and through His word, is speaking to us in exceptional ways. Therefore, we open our minds and hearts to the uniquely formative power of ordained preaching.

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.

For behold Heaven's plan through Christ, only Christ
Son of God, Son of Man He left paradise
Not to judge the depraved but to free those enslaved
That the world might be saved through Christ, only Christ

On the cross love is shown through Christ, only Christ
Debt is paid, sin atoned through Christ, only Christ
Pilate mocked, "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through
See the veil torn in two through Christ, only Christ

Hist'ry's hope, sealed in stone, 'twas Christ, only Christ
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, only Christ
On the third death was killed temple stone Christ rebuilt
Jonah's sign now fulfilled through Christ
Now the grave it has passed He's the First and the Last
Faith is found, hope is cast on Christ, only Christ

Boldly come to His throne through Christ, only Christ
Finding grace, grace alone through Christ, only Christ
Drawing near through our Priest not condemned, now at peace
Soon as guests at His feast through Christ
Lord, with praise we proclaim there is no other name
By which all might be saved but Christ, only Christ

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.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to share prayer requests with our church prayer chain, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to send an email to:

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KRL40502@aol.com

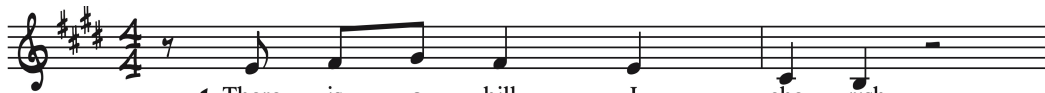
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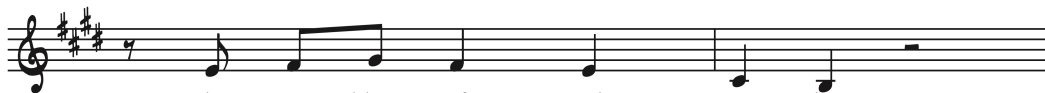
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1. There is a hill I che - rish
2. How is it I should pro - fit
3. I will not boast in rich - es.
4. And when I stand in glo - ry,



3 where stood a pre - cious tree,
while He is cru - ci - fied?
I have no pride in gold.
my crowns be - fore the Lord,



5 the em - blem of sal - va - tion,
Yet as His life was giv - en.
But I will boast in Je - sus,
let this be my con - fes - sion:



7 the gift of Cal - va - ry,
so I was grant - ed mine
and in His name a - lone.
"My wealth is in the cross."



9 My wealth is in the cross, there's noth - ing more I



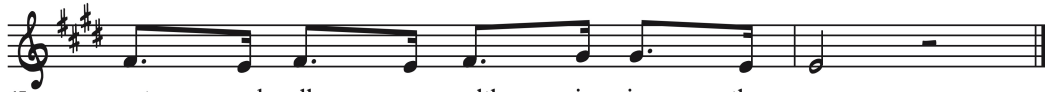
11 want than just to know His love. My heart is set on



13 Christ, and I will count all else as loss. The great - est of my



15 crowns mean noth - ing to me now. For I count - ed up the



17 cost, and all my wealth is in the cross.

Only Christ

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1. Scar - let crimes white as snow through Christ, on - ly Christ.
2. For be - hold Heav - en's plan through Christ, on - ly Christ.
3. On the cross Love is shown through Christ, on - ly Christ.
4. Hist - 'ry's hope sealed in stone 'twas Christ, on - ly Christ.
5. Bold - ly come to His throne through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Crim - son red now like wool through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Son of God, Son of Man He left par - a - dise
Debt is paid, sin a - toned, through Christ, on - ly Christ.
Then a breath broke the dawn from Christ, on - ly Christ.
Find - ing grace, grace a - lone through Christ, on - ly Christ.



Once for all, like a flood, made us pure; called us good.
Not to judge the de - praved, but to free those en - slaved,
Pil - ate mocked: "What is truth?" as the nails pierced Him through,
On the third, Death was killed, tem - ple stone, Christ re - built.
Draw - ing near through our Priest, not con - demned, now at peace,



Sprink - led clean with His blood through Christ, on - ly Christ.
that the world might be saved through Christ, on - ly Christ.
see the veil torn in two through Christ on - ly Christ.
Jon - ah's sign now ful - filled through
soon as guests at His feast through



17 Christ! Now the grave it has passed! He's the first and the
Christ! Lord, with praise we pro - claim, "There is no oth - er



21 last. Faith is found, Hope is cast on Christ, on - ly Christ.
name, by which all might be saved but Christ, on - ly Christ.

Announcements

Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall - Starting January 31 at 9AM

The pandemic has been difficult on everyone, especially young families. We are still unable to open the nursery at this time, but we do want to offer an option that would be beneficial for children and parents alike. **Starting January 31st, during the 9:00 service**, we will be hosting Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall. We want this to feel as much like being in the Sanctuary as possible, while at the same time giving children a little more freedom to worship alongside you. Plus, there will be a five-minute children's time after the service specifically to minister to your children. We hope to have as many families as possible while also maintaining safe COVID practices of social distancing and mask-wearing.

In-Person Church Activities

Our church leadership has decided to wait until January 26 (the next Session meeting) to make any changes to our current policy about in-person church activities. Until that time, Sunday morning worship will continue to be our only in-person church activity. All other ministries are encouraged to continue using virtual means of meeting.

Substitute Teachers for MDO

The Mom's Day Out program is looking for substitute teachers who can fill in when our teachers cannot attend. Send an email to mdo@tcpca.org if you would like more information.

VERITAS Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on a 13-week study of the Epistle of James beginning January 10th. Join us as we explore the question - How do we live faithfully as a follower of Jesus? Our teachers will be Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger (hstandin@hotmail.com) to receive a link to this virtual meeting.

Trinity Job Openings

Trinity Christian Academy is looking for a classroom aide (7:30AM - 3:30PM) and an after-school aide (3:00 - 5:30PM). Send an email to Vicki White (vwhite@trinitylex.org) if you would like more information.

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