



# *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...*

“Faith is an absorbing preoccupation with God.”

- John Murray

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Native British Bluebell*

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## 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

May 30, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

LEADER: Come, let us sing praises to our Savior who proclaims good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and Who sets at liberty all who are oppressed.

**PEOPLE: Let us exalt Christ’s name together!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

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O God our Help in ages past  
Our Hope for years to come  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal Home

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting Thou art God  
To endless years the same

Our God our Help in ages past  
Our Hope for years to come  
Be Thou our Guide while troubles last  
And our eternal Home

## Welcome & Announcements

### Pastoral Prayer

Pray for Trinity Church and Pastor Taras in Belarus.

### Membership Vows

9:00 - Chris & Amy Hunt

11:00 - Skye Hagstrom

## Scripture Reading Genesis 15: 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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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: O God of grace, in my walk of faith, I am still in rags. My best prayers are stained with sin. I need to repent of my repentance. I need my tears to be washed. I am always going into the far country and always returning home as a prodigal; always saying ‘Father, forgive me,’ and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of my sin and the exceeding wonder of Your grace.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

## Repentance of God’s People

LEADER: Do you turn from your sin of spiritual apathy?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you turn from your sin of failing to trust in the good, acceptable and perfect plan of God?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God’s Pardon from 1 John 1:9

LEADER: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 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.

## Hymn of Renewal *My Worth Is Not In What I Own* (Music on Page 11)

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My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

### **REFRAIN:**

**I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (**REFRAIN**)

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross (**REFRAIN**)

## **RESPOND** Embrace the call of God

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### **Confession of Faith** from Heidelberg Catechism #37

LEADER: What do you understand by the words "Christ suffered"?

**PEOPLE: That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This He did in order that, by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, He might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, Righteousness, and eternal life.**

### **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**

### **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.

# Hymn of Preparation *Were You There*

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb

Were you there when He rose up from the dead  
Were you there when He rose up from the dead  
O sometimes I feel like shouting glory glory glory  
Were you there when He rose up from the dead

## Scripture Reading Galatians 3:1-14

**1**O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. **2**Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? **3**Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4**Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5**Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— **6**just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

**7**Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8**And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” **9**So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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**10**For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” **11**Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” **12**But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” **13**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”— **14**so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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

## 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.

**Sermon** Rev. Sam Taaffe

**“Saved Through Faith, Living by Works?”**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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### 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 *Holy Holy Holy*

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Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy, though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

## Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**



**Giving Report:** For more info, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give)

April Giving:	\$196,053	Total FY Giving (Oct-Apr):	\$1,426,919
April Goal:	\$248,852	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Apr):	\$1,536,950
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$52,799</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$110,031</b>

## 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!

## 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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# Announcements

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## **Addition to Our Pastoral Team**

The Session is very pleased to announce the addition of Luke Rakestraw to the pastoral team at TCPC! Luke interned with us this past year after serving many years on staff with Campus Outreach. Upon graduating from seminary and completing his ordination examinations this spring, we chose to make Luke's role as an intern a permanent position. He will be the Pastor of Mercy and Outreach, and we look forward to having an ordination service on August 8. Please know that we are trusting the Lord to fill several other key positions to our team, and please join us in thanking the Lord for bringing the Rakestraws to TCPC!

## **Tuesday Fun Nights for Kids and Families**

This summer we will host six Tuesday evening events for the children and families of our church and community. Similar to Vacation Bible School, children and families will have the opportunity to hear God's Word, play fun games, and enjoy some food! The dates will be **June 15, 22, 29, and July 6, 13, 20, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.** Parents are invited to stay with their child(ren) if they choose to, but we also know that many of you would like a little break, so drop-off is also an option (must be entering Kindergarten or older for drop-off). **Sign up on our website at [tcpca.org](http://tcpca.org).** For more information email Will Witherington at [wwitherington@tcpca.org](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org).

## **Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings**

Mother's Day started the beginning of Assurance Pregnancy Center's annual Baby Bottle Blessings campaign. This is a crucial ministry that provides free and confidential medical services and support to those facing unplanned pregnancies and struggling from past abortions. There are two options to participate this year. You can pick up a bottle(s) as you leave church on Sunday and fill it with cash, coins, or checks made out to Assurance. Bottles are to be returned to the church by Sunday, June 21. (Father's Day) You may also give online starting today via the button below.

## **Next Step Campaign**

Please take time to visit our "Next Step Campaign" website and watch Robert's video. In this video, Robert will overview the vision we feel the Lord is calling TCPC to in the coming years. This vision includes a continued movement of church-planting throughout our region, growth of current TCPC ministries, and much needed renovations to our facility at Rapid Run. We are trusting the Lord to provide \$1.5 million in additional giving over the next 3 years, and 80% of this has already been pledged! Upon watching the video and visiting the website, please prayerfully consider how you can partner financially in this vision. **Please submit pledges by May 31.**

## **The King's Brass Concert**

We are excited to announce that on Friday June 18th at 7pm we will be hosting The King's Brass in concert. 3 Trumpets, 3 Trombones, Tuba, Keyboards, and Percussion. This will be an unforgettable concert that you'll want to attend. The concert is FREE, and a freewill offering will be taken to offset the cost. This is also the group with whom our music director, Stephen Lynerd toured for 9 seasons as solo percussionist. Bring the whole family and friends.

## **Senior Ministry Memoir Project**

The Senior Ministry is launching a Memoir Project for anyone interested in leaving a personal history for your family but don't know where or how to begin. It will be led by the co-director, Jody Hicks, and will start as a Zoom meeting for about an hour once a week, at a daytime mutually agreeable to those who want to participate. Our goal is to begin by the end of May, so if this interests you, please email Jody soon at [epnjphicks@twc.com](mailto:epnjphicks@twc.com) for more information.

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# Announcements *(continued)*

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## **Supplies for Border Ministry**

Linda Kendrick will be traveling with a team of Covenant Missionaries to the Texas Mexico border from June 12-19 to scout out the situation and see how the church can help partner to help the children. Ministry organizations with whom we will be working with have requested hygiene kits. They offer free showers and a place to clean up before the children travel on a plane, train, bus, or even on foot. These are generally in a quart size heavy duty ziplock bag. Please donate the following items (all of which must be the small travel size) by June 6:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Soap/Body Wash
- Wipes
- Small comb or brush
- Disposable Razors
- Chapstick
- Lotion
- Hand Sanitizer
- Feminine Products
- Snack Food – granola bars, trail mix, fruit snacks – (things that are nonperishable and won't melt!)
- Small stuffed animal or toy
- Small box of crayons and small coloring or activity book

If you prefer to donate funds, please put cash or a check in an envelope, mark both the envelope and check for Borderline Ministry, and place them in the box. We will use the funds to purchase these things in bulk:

- Drawstring Backpack
- Ziplocks
- Spanish Bible and/or Gospel Tract
- Small Plastic Water Bottle

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in  
3. As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,  
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or  
5. Two wonders here that I confess: my



3 in the strength of flesh and bone. But  
win or lose, in pride or shame. But  
youth and beauty hur - ry by. But  
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But  
worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My



5 in the cost - ly wounds of love at the  
in the blood of Christ that flowed  
life e - ter - nal calls to us  
I will boast in know - ing Christ  
val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid



7 cross. My cross. I re-joyce in my Re -



12 deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well - spring of my soul.



15 I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a - lone.

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