



# *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...*

“We pray to God because we believe in Him through Jesus Christ; that is to say, our prayer can never be an entreaty to God, for we have no need to come before Him in that way. We are privileged to know that He knows our needs before we ask Him. That is what gives Christian prayer its boundless confidence and its joyous certainty. It matters little what form of prayer we adopt or how many words we use, what matters is the faith which lays hold on God and touches the heart of the Father who knew us long before we came to Him.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### **COVER ARTWORK**

Sinkyō, Tokyo, Japan

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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

October 9, 2022 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**PEOPLE: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

LEADER: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

**PEOPLE: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

LEADER: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

**ALL: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

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O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears  
’Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin  
He sets the pris’ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

### Welcome & Announcements

# Membership Vows

9:00 - James & Meredith Rollins

## Baptism

9:00 - Reagan Rollins, daughter of James & Meredith

11:15 - Hagan McClellan, son of Duke & Morgan

## 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, Reagan/Hagan, though you do not know it yet.**

## Choir Anthem *God of Grace*

Music: Keith Getty | Text: Jonathan Rea

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*God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free. O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul; His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole. God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began, sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own; ev'ry day His grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone. God of grace I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see Your face; and forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.*

## RENEW Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:10-14 (Pew Bible p. 656)

LEADER: All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall...

PEOPLE: ...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

## Confession of God's People

**UNISON: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you turn from choosing to not love your neighbor?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do you turn from persisting in your own way?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:32

LEADER: He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

## Hymn of Renewal *He Leadeth Me*

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He leadeth me O blessed thought  
O words with heav'nly comfort brought  
Whate'er I do, Where e'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

### REFRAIN:

**He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful foll'wer I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me**

Lord I would clasp Your hand in mine  
And never murmur or repine  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

And when my task on earth is done  
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since O, my God You leadeth me. **(REFRAIN)**

## 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

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

### Offertory Solo *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Text: Joseph Scriven

Tune: Barn och stjärnor, Hans Nyberg

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer! Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

### **GOSPEL STORYTIME**

*At this time, children ages 4 - Kindergarten may be dismissed to Room 103 for prayer, singing, and a lesson from the Gospel Story Bible. They will return to the Sanctuary at the end of the sermon to be with their families during Communion.*

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### 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.

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### 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

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

You will be released from your pew to come forward and receive the communion elements, and we will take the elements together once everyone has been served.

## **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**

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### **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 *Take My Life And Let It Be*

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Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee

## 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:

Kathryn Lyon  
[KRL40502@aol.com](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

Janet Whitley  
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## Giving Report

For more information, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give).

September Giving:	\$198,964	Total FY Giving (Oct-Sep):	\$2,483,880
September Goal:	\$265,120	Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,574,358
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$66,156</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$90,478</b>

# Announcements

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## Congregational Meeting on October 16

Join us in-between services on October 16 for a Congregational Meeting, where a report will be given regarding the pulpit committee process.

## Global Partner Sunday on October 23

On Sunday, October 23, several of our Global Partners will be in town, including Macklann Basse from Togo, Andy Longwe from the UK, and Filomeno Chay Tuz from Mexico. Join us in-between services on the 23rd for a special combined Sunday School to hear updates from these partners.

## Love Singing? Love Seniors? This Opportunity Is for You!

We are continuing to sponsor a time of hymn-singing and fellowship at The Lafayette every Sunday at 2:00, under the direction of Ellyn Washburne. This event is greatly appreciated by the residents and greatly rewarding for the volunteers who give their time to encourage these sweet people. Bring your children with you for a double blessing! Beautiful voices not required - just a heart for ministering to seniors! You can sign up for once a month or as often as you are able. Please contact Ellyn for more information at washburnee@aol.com.

## Save the Date! Next Senior Luncheon on Sunday, November 13

Please watch the bulletins and emails for more details later.

## Trinity Presents Guest Speaker Keith McCurdy

On Monday, October 24, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary, Trinity Christian Academy will host workshops for students, teachers, and parents led by counselor and speaker, Keith McCurdy. The goal is to give our community a common understanding regarding the benefits of “healthy struggle” both in and out of the classroom. We look forward to sharing this time with you. Scan this QR to view the brochure.



## Handbell Players Needed

The handbell choir is looking for 2 or 3 new members for our group as well as people willing to substitute if the need arises. We rehearse 3-4 times before playing in worship. You do not need to have played bells before but an understanding of music rhythm reading is important. We will be rehearsing on Thursday nights 6:40-8pm this session beginning in early October. Please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org if you are interested or for more information.

## Gingerbread Run 5K to Benefit Assurance

On Saturday, December 3 at Red Mile Race Track, Verne Kern is hosting a 5K to benefit Assurance. He is looking for participants as well as monetary sponsors to help offset the costs of conducting the race. Scan this QR code to sign up, or send an email to Verne (vernekernasw@gmail.com) to become a sponsor or help out on race day.



# Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

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## **Adult Sunday School**

- October 9: Regular Adult Sunday School (but no Toolbox Class)
- October 16: NO Adult Sunday School (Congregational Meeting)
- October 23: NO Adult Sunday School (Global Partner Sunday)
- October 30: Regular Adult Sunday School

## **Children's Sunday School**

- October 9: Regular Children's Sunday School
- October 16: NO Children's Sunday School
- October 23: Regular Children's Sunday School (except Youth Group)
- October 30: Regular Children's Sunday School

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