



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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Today's Officers Our points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

Elders:

Justin Hubbard, Chris Lee

Deacons:

Ken Iverson, Joshua Owen

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Don't be afraid, says the risen Jesus.
Far more can be mended than you know.”

- Francis Spufford

COVER ARTWORK:

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Order of Worship

May 5, 2024 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

Liturgy Notes

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

PLEASE NOTE:

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, **and the part of the People will be in bold.**

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.

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 118

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

ALL: For His steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn *God Of Grace And God Of Glory (Music on Page 10)*

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God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy pow’r
Crown Thine ancient church’s story
Bring her bud to glorious flow’r
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour.

Lo the hosts of evil ’round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways
Fears and doubts too long have bound us
Free our hearts to work and praise
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glo-ry evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore

Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set all free
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not man or man or Thee
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
That we fail not man or man or Thee

Welcome & Announcements

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53:1-12 (Pew Bible p. 613)

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

Merciful Father, bring new life where I am worn and tired; new love where I have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where I feel hurt and where I have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where I am a prisoner of my self-centeredness. In the power of Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

Has this world failed you? **Always**

Has God failed you? **Never**

Will you turn from the hopes of this world and hope in God? **We will.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *O Great God*

Bob Kauflin

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O great God of highest heaven occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

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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.

Greeting of Peace

We extend to others the grace that God has extended to us, greeting each other with the peace of Christ. In the midst of a fractured world filled with prejudice, hatred, and violence, we are a demonstration of God's reconciliation. Worshipers greeted one another with the words of Christ after His resurrection, which became the customary greeting of the early Church: "Peace be with you."

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me
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O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

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 *He Knows My Name*

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I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hand

REFRAIN:

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go **(REFRAIN)**

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.

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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 (p. 885)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Luke Rakestraw

“The Story of Hope”

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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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Let us together proclaim the hope of the Church:

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

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 *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer* (Music on Page 11)

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» *The **Mercy Fund offering** will be collected at the beginning of this hymn. If you would also like to contribute your time and talents, please visit tcpca.org/mercy to fill out an Interest Form or Gifting Survey.*

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labor through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

REFRAIN:

*May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake*

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne **(REFRAIN)**

Benediction

Go love your God. **Go love your neighbor.**



Giving Report For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

April Giving:	\$188,776	Total Giving for Oct-Apr:	\$1,549,672
April Goal:	\$232,000	Giving Goal for Oct-Apr:	\$1,798,000
Difference:	-\$43,224	Difference:	-\$248,328
		FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):	\$2,900,000

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

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Combined Sunday School Classes in May

TODAY

We have an exciting opportunity to hear from our ministry partners in Thailand today during a combined Sunday School gathering. Join us in the Sanctuary in between services!

MAY 12 & 19

Starting next Sunday, Mark will be leading a two part May Term class on financial stewardship in between services in the Sanctuary. The class will take place on May 12 and May 19.

Special Service for Pentecost Sunday on May 19

Join us on Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 PM for a special Pentecost Sunday service.

Help Send Students to Summer Camp

If you would like to financially invest in the discipleship of our students through supporting their trip to Ridgehaven Sumer Camp, you can scan this QR code or give by check (write "SM Camp" in the memo line and place it in the regular offering).



Wednesday Summer Nursery Program

On select Wednesday mornings this summer we will be offering a program for kids aged 9 months-6 years old. Our time together will include hands-on activities, stories and outdoor time. Some of the themes will be ocean life, trees and flowers, weather, transportation, and insects. The program will run from 9:00am-11:30am, and the cost will be \$18 per child, \$15 for the second child and a family maximum of \$45. Spaces are limited. Contact Amber Waldrop to check dates and availability awaldrop@tcpca.org.

Celebrating Our Class of 2024 Graduates

We are so proud of our graduating high school and college students! If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring, please scan this QR code and complete the brief questionnaire. We would love to acknowledge your/their accomplishment in the near future.



GRADUATE LUNCHEON

Also, on May 19th, we will be holding a luncheon for our graduating high school and college seniors and their families after the 11:15 service in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend please scan this QR code.

Colson Fellows Program

Is the world changing faster than you can keep up with? Do you experience the tension of living faithfully in a cultural moment that you aren't prepared to navigate? The Colson Fellows Program is a 10-month deep dive into the study of Christian wisdom and worldview so we can live faithfully where God has placed us. Sign up for an informational webinar at colsonfellows.org, or contact Lexington Cohort Director Kim Livesay (859-230-1205) for more information.

God Of Grace And God Of Glory

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God of grace and God of glo - ry, on Thy peo - ple
Lo! the hosts of e - vil 'round us scorn Thy Christ, as -
Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the ev - ils
Set our feet on lof - ty pla - ces; gird our lives that



pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an - cient Church - 's sto - ry,
sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Thy sal - va - tion
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces



bring her bud to___ glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to___ work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry___ ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,
in the fight to___ set all free. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.
grant us cour - age, serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.
grant us cour - age that we fail not man or Thee.

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

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Je - sus draw me e - ver near - er as I la - bor thro' the



storm. You have called me to this pas-sage and I'll fol-low tho' I'm___ worn.



Je - sus guide me thro' the temp-est Keep my spi-rit staid and

Let the treas-ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I



sure. When the mid-night meets the morn-ing, let me love You e-ven
go. At the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your



___ more. May this jour-ney bring a bles-sing, may I rise___ on wings of
___ throne!



___ faith, and at the end of my hearts test - ing with Your



like - ness___ let me___ wake.

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