



# *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:**

Charlie Kennedy, Kelly Holt

**Deacons:**

Jeff Payne, Jay Siekmann

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***Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...***

“Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.”

- Thomas Merton

**COVER ARTWORK:**

*Still Life with Roses and Sunflowers* | Vincent van Gogh, 1886

# Order of Worship

May 12, 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

The LORD reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment.

**He will judge the world in righteousness;  
He will govern the peoples with justice.**

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Those who know Your name will trust in You,  
for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You.**

**ALL: Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what He has done.**

### Hymn *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  
*His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me*

## Welcome & Announcements

# Membership Vows

9:00 - Andrew & Matia Cary

# Baptism

9:00 - Lars and Tate Cary, sons of Andrew & Matia

# Declaration to Our Covenant Children

 from the Church of Scotland

**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, Lars and Tate, though you do not know it yet.**

# Choir Anthem

*My Savior and My God*

By Althouse

*My life, my love I give to Thee, Thou Lamb of God who died for me, O may I ever faithful be; my Savior and my God. O Thou who died on Calvary, to save my soul and set me free, I'll dedicate my life to Thee; my Savior and my God. I'll live for Him who died for me, how richer then my life will be. I'll bow to Him on bended knee; my Savior and my God.*

# RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

## Scripture Reading

 Psalms 34:1-9

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

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me..."

**But we have failed to worship You alone**

You shall not make for yourself graven images....

**But we have crafted our own idols**

You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain...

**But we have profaned Your name**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy...

**But we have sought rest apart from You**

Honor your father and your mother...

**But we have despised authority**

You shall not murder...

**But we have been hateful** (continue on next page)

## 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.

You shall not commit adultery...

**But we have been lustful**

You shall not steal...

**But we have been unjust**

You shall not bear false witness...

**But we have been dishonest**

You shall not covet...

**But we have been discontent**

- *Silent Prayers of 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.

## Repentance of God's People

Will you repent of your harmful lawlessness? **We will**

Will you submit to God's healing law? **We will**

### 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.

## Assurance of God's Pardon

 from Romans 6:14

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

### 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."

## Greeting of the Peace of Christ

### Hymn *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

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**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 *Show Us Christ*

Bob Kauflin | Doug Plank  
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Prepare our hearts O God; help us to receive. Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief. Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit. Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth. *Show us Christ, show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"* Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes, guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise. Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave, riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today. *Where else can we go Lord? Where else can we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

### 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.*

## Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-46

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

## Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

**"Fear Not!"**

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### 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.

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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.

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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

#### Hymn *Christ Is Mine Forevermore* **(Music on Page 10)**

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Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

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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.

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore*

## Benediction

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



### Giving Report

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

April Giving: \$188,776

April Goal: \$232,000

**Difference: -\$43,224**

Total Giving for Oct-Apr: \$1,549,672

Giving Goal for Oct-Apr: \$1,798,000

**Difference:**

**FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep):**

\$1,549,672

\$1,798,000

**-\$248,328**

**\$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](mailto:KRL40502@aol.com)

Janet Whitley

[janetjwhitley@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mdmoorefamily@gmail.com)



## Financial Stewardship Sunday School Class Today and Next Sunday

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

## Special Service for Pentecost Sunday Next Sunday, May 19

Join us Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 PM for a special Pentecost Sunday service, followed by ice cream fellowship.

## 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 Summer 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).



## 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 ON MAY 19

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](http://colsonfellows.org), or contact Lexington Cohort Director Kim Livesay (859-230-1205) for more information.

## Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings

Baby Bottle Blessings, a fundraiser for Assurance for Life, is an easy and fun way to support those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. Assurance has provided us with empty bottles that you can pick up from the Narthex. Bring them back filled up with change, cash, or checks on or before Father's Day. Or, you can give online by scanning this QR code.



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Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with  
Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der -  
Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row



Him. Yet I look for world - ly treas - ure and for -  
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I  
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and



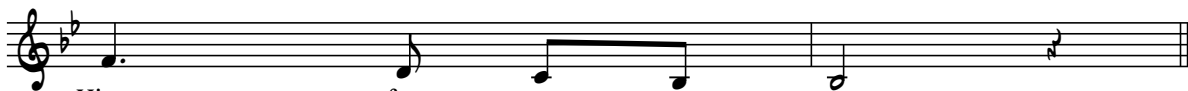
sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re -  
see no earth - ly good. But mine is peace that flows from  
ha - tred for His name. But mine is ar - mour for this  
And mine are keys to Zi - on



deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has  
heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my  
bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has  
ci - ty where be - side the King I walk. For there my



paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am  
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com -  
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly  
heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is



His for - ev - er - more.  
pletes His work in me.  
to the gold - en shore.  
mine for - ev - er - more.



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