



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...

“Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name.”

- Fernando Ortega

COVER ARTWORK

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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 18, 2020 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: Let us worship God.

PEOPLE: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

LEADER: Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead.

PEOPLE: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

LEADER: Let us call upon our true God, believing Him in our hearts, confessing Him with our mouths, worshiping Him in spirit and in truth.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

Robert Robinson | Trad. American Melody

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Come Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s redeeming love

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
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Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

11:00 - Mary Lou Loxley

Prayers of the People

UNISON: Our Gracious Savior, the source of all forgiveness and healing, we come before You to lament the devastation of sexual abuse in our culture. So overwhelming is this epidemic of evil that we don't know what to do, but our eyes are upon You. Hear the cries of the suffering, rebuke the sins of the perpetrators, forgive the apathy of the indifferent, and reveal to us our own complicity that we might repent. Hear our prayers Lord, for You alone are our only hope.

LEADER: For the survivors of all forms of sexual abuse, particularly those among us this day, we pray for them in their suffering. May they know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that their abuse is not their fault. May they know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that their shame is a lie and that your hope is true. May they know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that help is available and healing is possible. Give mercy to those who suffer and lead them to Your cross and resurrection as their eternal comfort. Lord Jesus, friend of sinners...

PEOPLE: Hear our prayers.

LEADER: For the perpetrators of sexual abuse, we pray imprecatory prayers of justice. May they be exposed and rebuked by the severe mercy of Your providence. May they reap the bitter fruit of their sins such that they find themselves broken and desperate. And may their brokenness yield repentance and trust in You who alone can make the foulest clean. Lord Jesus, friend of sinners...

PEOPLE: Hear our prayers.

LEADER: For the Church of Jesus Christ, we pray for Your grace and guidance to lead us. May our communities be known as the safest place for survivors and most defended place from abusers, and may we apologize and repent where we have failed in this. In a world of sexual chaos, may we bear witness to your good and perfect design for human sexuality. May we be known as a counter culture to the sexual revolution built upon insatiable lust and exploitation. Lord Jesus, friend of sinners...

PEOPLE: Hear our prayers.

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Confession of God's People

UNISON: Faithful Father, we confess that we have despised our need for You. Our self-sufficiency is meager, but we trust in it for our strength. Our self-esteem is hollow, but we trust in it for our confidence. Our self-righteousness is worthless, but we trust in it for our salvation. Forgive us God for all forms of self-help and restore in us an unshakable trust in You. Thank You that while You do not help those who help themselves, You eagerly help the helpless.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you repent of self-help? **PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Do trust in God's help? **PEOPLE: We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Matthew 11

LEADER: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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 *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

Stuart Townend

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How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER: What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE: The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

LEADER: What is God?

PEOPLE: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

LEADER: Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE: There is but only one, the living and true God.

LEADER: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

PEOPLE: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Doxology

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.

Offertory Hymn *Jesus, Strong And Kind* (Music on Page 10)

Colin Buchanan | Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

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Scripture Reading Psalm 121

- 1** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- 2** My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3** He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4** Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5** The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- 6** The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
- 8** The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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.**

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. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

"God Our Keeper"

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 *He Will Hold Me Fast* (Music on Page 11)

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Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God;

PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

September Giving:	\$277,254	Total FY Giving (Oct-Sep):	\$2,340,786
September Goal:	\$283,755	Total FY Expenses (Oct-Sep):	\$2,493,640
Difference:	-\$6,501	Difference:	-\$152,854

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.

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!

Announcements

“One Step” Race Application

As we seek the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass, we believe God is calling us to take seriously the issue of racial justice in our community. In light of this, we have created applications that we'd like everyone to consider: one step for your head, heart, and hands. Visit tcpca.org/onestep to learn more.

Sunday School Pods & Children's Sunday School

Mac Holt Pod: Lower Level Classroom

Mark Randle Pod: Lower Level Boardroom

Nate Jones Pod: Fellowship Hall

Richmond Pod: Gymnasium

Please check in at the Trinity main entrance for the following classes:

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten: Youth Room

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade: 5th Grade Classroom above Gym

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade: Music Room above Gym

Jesus Strong And Kind

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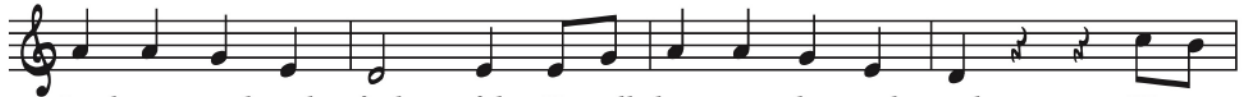
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Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.
Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to Him. *For the*
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.



Lord is good and faith - ful, He will keep us day and night. We can



al - ways come to Je - sus, Je - sus strong and kind.

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight; He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could ne-ver keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost His pro - mi - ses shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast.



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. ____
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. ____
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! ____



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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