



# 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...*

"I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord," we say in the Creed, and I commit myself in saying this to the person of Christ, who in His incarnation upset every ancient conviction that God cannot become messy, lowly, fleshy, humiliated, hurt, and dead, and still be God."

- Cornelius Plantinga

## **COVER ARTWORK**

*Athens*, Beauford Delaney, 1961

## 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 16, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Prelude

### Call to Worship

LEADER: We will greatly rejoice in the LORD; our souls shall exult in our God,

**PEOPLE: ...for He has clothed us with the garments of salvation;**

LEADER: He has covered us with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

**PEOPLE: ...and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

LEADER: For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

### Hymn of Rejoicing *O Worship The King*

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O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## Welcome & Announcements

## Pastoral Prayer

Pray for God's blessing upon the Ohio Valley Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, including the six candidates from the Bluegrass Network being examined.

## Baptism

9:00 - Braxton Burgher, son of Jonathan & Brittany

11:00 - Peter Gordon, son of Steven & Allison

## 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, Braxton / Peter, though you do not know it yet.**

## RENEW

 Receive the grace of God

### Scripture Reading

 Psalm 143

- 1**Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- 2**Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.
- 3**For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life to the ground;  
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4**Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.
- 5**I remember the days of old;  
I meditate on all that you have done;  
I ponder the work of your hands.
- 6**I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah
- 7**Answer me quickly, O Lord!  
My spirit fails!  
Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- 8**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,  
for in you I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go,  
for to you I lift up my soul.

**4** *(continue on next page)*

**9** Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge.

**10** Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me

on level ground!

**11** For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**12** And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,

and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,

for I am your servant.

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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

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.

## Confession of God's People from the Book of Common Prayer

**UNISON: God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

## Repentance of God's People

**LEADER:** Do you turn from the ongoing sins of self-centeredness and self-protection?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

**LEADER:** Do you turn again to Jesus who loved you even when you did not love Him?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Colossians 1:13-14

**LEADER:** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Hymn of Renewal *Rock Of Ages* (Music on Page 10)

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## 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

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 of Preparation *I Surrender All*

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All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender only at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me Jesus take me now.

#### REFRAIN

**I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all**

All to Jesus I surrender make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know that Thou art mine. **(REFRAIN)**

All to Jesus I surrender all to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live **(REFRAIN)**

## 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.

## 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 Galatians 2:11-16

**11**But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **12**For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. **13**And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. **14**But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

**15**We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; **16**yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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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. Mark Randle

#### “Learning and Living Christ”

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

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## 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>

## 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!

## 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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Janet Whitley  
[janetjwhitley@gmail.com](mailto:janetjwhitley@gmail.com)



# Announcements

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## Parents, Save These Dates!

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). Signup forms are coming soon! 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.

## Church Kickball League Starting Soon!

We are excited to announce the start of the inaugural TCPC kickball league! Games will be played each Sunday evening in June on the TCPC soccer field. This co-ed league will be for anyone over the age of 12 who desires to have fun while being competitive! You must register to play and teams will be formed in the coming days. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Mac Holt, [mholth@tcpca.org](mailto:mholt@tcpca.org). We hope this will be a fun event for the whole church! Registration is due Friday, May 28.

## Adult Sunday School Class

The VERITAS Class will embark on an 8-week study of the Epistles of John beginning May 9th. We will be meeting both in-person in the basement classroom, and on-line via video conferencing. Join us as we explore the question - how can believers know with confidence that they possess eternal life? Our teachers will be Ron Whitley and Mark Deicher. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger ([hstandin@hotmail.com](mailto:hstandin@hotmail.com)) to receive a Zoom link.

## 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.

# Rock Of Ages

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1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;  
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy cross I cling;  
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to Thee for dress; help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I \_\_\_ die  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in \_\_\_ Thee.

# Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

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




4 storm. You have called me to this pas - sage and I'll fol - low tho' I'm \_\_\_ worn.




9 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



13 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



17 \_\_\_ more. May this jour - ney bring a bles - sing, may I rise \_\_\_ on wings of  
\_\_\_ throne!



21 \_\_\_ faith, and at the end of my hearts test - ing with Your



24 like - ness \_\_\_ let me \_\_\_ wake.

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