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1894

# *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...*

True grace is not an inactive thing; there is nothing in heaven or earth of a more active nature; for 'tis life itself, and the most active kind of life, even spiritual and divine life...There is nothing in the universe that in its nature has a greater tendency to fruit.

- Jonathan Edwards

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Cornflowers*

Isaac Levitan, 1894

## 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

June 27, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:00AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

**LEADER:** Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.

**PEOPLE: We have responded to Christ’s call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.**

**LEADER:** Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people, called out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light. Therefore, we sing with the Church in all ages:

**PEOPLE: Blessed be Your name, O God, our Redeemer. By Your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above* (Page 10)

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; tr. Francex Cox, 1864

Music: Bohemian Brethren’s Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; harmonized Heinrich Reimann, 1895.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Pastoral Prayer

Pray for the PCA’s General Assembly this week in St. Louis and our elders who will be attending.

**UNISON: 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.**

### Baptism

11:00 - William Radcliffe, son of Mark & Bethany

### 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, William, though you do not know it yet.**

## Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-6 and 17:15-19

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.

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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

### 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 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.**

- 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: Will you turn from your bitter thoughts, harmful words, and divisive actions?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

LEADER: Will you recommit yourself to love as you have been loved?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from 1 John 3:1

LEADER: See what kind of love the Father has for us that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

## Hymn of Renewal *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

### REFRAIN:

**You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for**

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne (**REFRAIN**)

## Confession of Faith from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

LEADER: What does God require of us that we may escape His wrath and curse due to us for sin?

**PEOPLE: To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance that leads to life, and the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates the benefits of redemption to us.**

LEADER: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**PEOPLE: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest on Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.**

LEADER: What is repentance that leads to life?

**PEOPLE: Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.**

## 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*

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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*

## 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.

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*

## **Scripture Reading** Galatians 4:21-31

**21**Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? **22**For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. **23**But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. **24**Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. **25**Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. **26**But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. **27**For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than those of the one who has a husband.”

**28**Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. **29**But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. **30**But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” **31**So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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

## **Sermon** Rev. Will Witherington

**“A Tale of Two...”**

### **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.

# 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**

## **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 *All Glory Be To Christ*

TUNE: Auld Lang Syne

Text: Dustin Kensrue

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Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

### **REFRAIN:**

**All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ**

His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ (**REFRAIN**)

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ (**REFRAIN**)

## **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:

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# Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; tr. Francex Cox, 1864

Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; harmonized Heinrich Reimann, 1895.

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -

2. What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy he is  
3. We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our  
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
glo - ry. Let all who know his pow'r pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne; the

ev - 'ry grief he gen - tly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord is God and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

# Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -  
Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er Keep - er, Spi - rit we  
Al - might - y in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

deem - er and Friend; \_\_\_\_\_ Who would have thought that a  
long to em - brace; \_\_\_\_\_ You of - fer hope when our  
lov - ing Your own; \_\_\_\_\_ Here in our weak - ness You

Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?  
hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way,  
find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne,

Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ You res - cue the souls of men.  
Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we hope - less - ly lost the way.  
Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

You are the One that we praise, \_\_\_\_\_ You are the

One we a - dore, \_\_\_\_\_ You give the heal - ing and

grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, Oh \_\_\_\_\_ our

hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

# Announcements

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## It's not too late to sign up for Tuesday Fun Nights!

We will be hosting four more Tuesday Fun Nights 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 29, July 6, 13, and 20, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. Parents are invited to stay with their children if they choose to, just make sure that every family member registers at the link below. All children ages 6 and under must have a parent present. **Sign up on our website at [tcpca.org](http://tcpca.org)**. For more information email Will Witherington at [wwitherington@tcpca.org](mailto:wwitherington@tcpca.org).

## Senior Luncheon on Sunday, July 11

The Senior Ministry will be hosting a luncheon right after the second service (12:30 PM) in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be provided and is free to all who wish to come. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship, music, and brief program. RSVP to [bfrisinger@aol.com](mailto:bfrisinger@aol.com) or [hstandin@hotmail.com](mailto:hstandin@hotmail.com)

## Christmas in July 6K Run

Join us for a fun-filled morning of celebrating Christmas in July! This 6K run will take place on July 24th at Coldstream Park, and all proceeds will go to the Mercy Fund/Millcreek. In addition to runners and walkers, we are looking for businesses to be sponsors and for volunteers to help with the event. Sign up today at [tcpca.org/6KRun](http://tcpca.org/6KRun), and please contact Verne Kern at [vernekernasw@gmail.com](mailto:vernekernasw@gmail.com) if you'd like to sponsor or volunteer at the event!

## Giving Report: For more info, visit [tcpca.org/give](http://tcpca.org/give)

May Giving:	\$180,861	Total FY Giving (Oct-May):	\$1,607,779
May Goal:	\$190,567	Giving Goal (Oct-May):	\$1,727,516
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$9,706</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$119,737</b>

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