

# *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...*

And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor does He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

- Henry W. Longfellow

### **COVER ARTWORK**

*Arles View from the Wheat Fields*

Vincent van Gogh

## 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

September 5, 2021 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Call to Worship

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

**PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**PEOPLE: For His steadfast Love endures forever.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD of LORDS,

**PEOPLE: For His steadfast love endures forever!**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *And Can It Be* (Verses 1 and 5 sung in unison)

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**And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me!**

**Tis myst’ry all! Th’Im-mor-tal dies.  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
Tis mercy all, let earth adore.  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me!**

**He left His Father’s throne above  
So free so infinite His grace  
Emptied Himself of all but love  
And bled for Adam’s helpless race  
‘Tis mercy all immense and free  
For O my God it found out me  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me!**

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was free  
I rose went forth and followed Thee  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him my living Head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God should die for me!  
*Amazing love! How can it be*  
*That Thou my God should die for me!*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Pastoral Prayer

Pray for all those who are grieving as a result of the Covid pandemic.

**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.**

## **RENEW** Receive the grace of God

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### Scripture Reading Psalm 112

Praise the LORD!  
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in His commandments!  
His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;  
 he will be remembered forever.  
 He is not afraid of bad news;  
 his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.  
 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
 until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.  
 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
 his righteousness endures forever;  
 his horn is exalted in honor.  
 The wicked man sees it and is angry;  
 he gnashes his teeth and melts away;  
 the desire of the wicked will perish!

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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 and Repentance of God's People

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### REFRAIN:

to be sung responsively on cue

O Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us. O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up-on us.

O God the Father, *have mercy upon us*;  
 Creator of Heaven and earth, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Son, *have mercy upon us*;  
 Redeemer of the world, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

O God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy upon us*;  
 Sanctifier of the faithful, *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

Holy blessed and glorious Trinity, one God: *have mercy upon us.* **(REFRAIN)**

## Assurance of God's Pardon from Romans 8:1

LEADER: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

## Hymn of Renewal *My Song Is Love Unknown* **(Music on Page 10)**

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## Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

**UNISON: 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<sup>†</sup> Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> 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

### Offertory *Pray*

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## Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-13

**9**Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10**Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11**Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13**Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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

## 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.

**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

**“What To Do, When We Don’t Know What To Do”**

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# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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## 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

## Mercy Offering (during Hymn of Response)

## Hymn of Response *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* (Music on Page 11)

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## Benediction

MINISTER: Go love your God; **PEOPLE: Go love your neighbor.**



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

August Giving: \$208,645	Total FY Giving (Oct-Aug): \$2,121,296
August Goal: \$168,455	Giving Goal (Oct-Aug): \$2,269,157
<b>Difference: +\$40,190</b>	<b>Difference: -\$147,861</b>

## Quarterly Giving Update

September marks the beginning of Fall and the end of our fiscal year. As always, thank you for your generosity! Your love for the Lord is reflected in your giving. Please log in to TouchPoint to view your giving history, and email Jennifer Matocha ([jmatocha@tcpca.org](mailto:jmatocha@tcpca.org)) with any TouchPoint questions. For questions about your giving history or inquiries about stock donations, please email Bobby Pepiot ([bpepiot@tcpca.org](mailto:bpepiot@tcpca.org)).

- Finance Committee

## 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.

## 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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## Loving & Serving Students at Millcreek

One of the best ways to serve at TCPC and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community is by volunteering at Millcreek Elementary. We invite you to consider how you can be part of this outreach, whether it's packing snack bags or mentoring a student one hour per week (or both!). Contact Luke Rakestraw (lrakestraw@tcpca.org) if you'd like to get involved!

## Women's Bible Studies

### MORNING

The Morning Women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 15 from 9:00-11:00am. We will begin by studying the book of James, using materials from Jen Wilkin (the Nursery will be open). Scan this QR code to sign up! Any questions, contact Julia Meador at jamat10215@aol.com.



### EVENING

The Evening Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 15 from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be looking at the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund (childcare will not be available.) Scan this QR code to sign up! Contact Kay Sox with questions at kayrsox@gmail.com.



## Men's Bible Studies

### WEDNESDAY NOON

The Wednesday noon Men's Bible study will begin meeting again on September 15 in the Lower Level Boardroom. We will begin a study of the letter of Paul to the Colossians. All men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. If you would like more information, please email Harry Standinger at hstandin@hotmail.com.

### COMPANY OF MEN

The Company of Men will resume on September 16 at 7:00 AM in the Lower Level Boardroom. If you would like more information, please email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

## Volunteer at Richmond Church Plant

The church plant in Richmond (which will be called Covenant Community Church) is launching their worship services this morning, and they are looking for volunteers over the next three months to help with various needs (setup, childcare, prayer, greeting, etc). Volunteers would be in Richmond from 8:45-11:45. If you are interested in helping one or two times during the next three months, please scan this QR code or send an email to Will Witherington at wwitherington@tcpca.org.



## Trinity Job Openings

Trinity Christian Academy currently has openings for several positions. If you are interested in applying to be a Lower School Classroom Aide, contact Vicki White (vwhite@trinitylex.org) and Brooks Ward (bward@trinitylex.org). If you are interested in applying to be the Upper School piano accompanist, please contact Nick LaCasse (nlacasse@trinitylex.org).

# My Song Is Love Unknown

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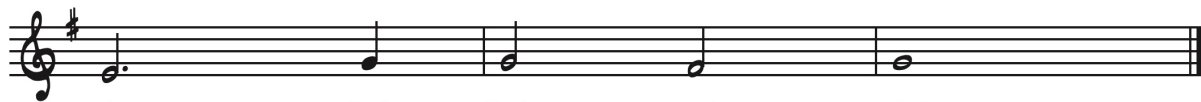
My song is love un - known, \_\_\_\_\_ my Sa - vior's love for me;  
He came from Heav - en's throne \_\_\_\_\_ sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
Some - times they crowd His way, \_\_\_\_\_ and His sweet prais - es sing  
With an - gry shouts they have \_\_\_\_\_ my dear Lord done a - way;  
Why, what has my Lord done \_\_\_\_\_ to cause this rage and spite?  
Here might I stay and sing \_\_\_\_\_ of Him my soul a - dores;



love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be:  
but they re - fused, and none the longed - for Christ would know:  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King,  
a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay!  
He made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight:  
nev - er was love, ne - ver was love, dear King like Yours!



but who am I, that for my sake my Lord should  
this is my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my  
then "cru - ci - fy" is all their breath and for His  
Yet will - ing - ly He bears the shame that through His  
what in - jur - ies! Yet these are why the Lord most  
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my



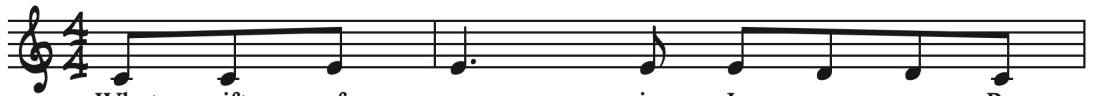
take frail flesh and die?  
need His life did spend.  
death they thirst and cry.  
name all might be free.  
high so crue - ly dies.  
days could glad - ly spend!

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re -  
The night is dark, but I am not for -  
No fate I dread, I know I am for -  
With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low



deem - er; There is no more for Hea - ven now to give. He is my  
sa - ken, for by my side, the Sa - viour He will stay. I la - bour  
giv - en; the fu - ture sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus  
Je - sus for He has said that He will bring me home. And day by



joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom; My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less  
on in weak - ness and re - joi - cing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis -  
bled, and suf - fered for my par - don; And He was raised to ov - er - throw the  
day, I know He will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the



peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my  
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; Through the  
grave! To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus  
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is who - lly bound to His. Oh how strange and div - ine, I can  
deep - est val - ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
glo - ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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