

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas^x said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth and the life.^z No one comes to the Father except

through me." 7 If you really knew

me, you would know^q my Father as well.^o From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

8 They said, "Lord, show us the

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.

If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a **Visitor's Card**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera, or fill out the Visitor Card in your pew and place it in the Offering bowl.



Officers On Duty Today's points of contact for spiritual or physical needs.

Elder on duty:

Les Olson

Deacons on duty:

Matt McEwen and Dylan Shoulders

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.”

- John Milton

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.

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.

Order of Worship

May 7, 2023 at 9:00AM and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Romans 6

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

We trust You, Christ Our Loving Savior.

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him.

We trust You, Christ Our Perfect Shepherd.

The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

We trust You, Christ Our Coming King!

Hymn *Come Thou Almighty King*

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Come, thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne’er from us depart,
Spirit of pow’r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
Love and adore.

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

9:00 - Watson Elkins Jackson, son of Nicholas & Kristen

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, Watson, though you do not know it yet.

Choir Anthem *The Glory of the Cross*

Larry Shackley

I will take my stand beneath the cross of Jesus, for here along this weary road its shadow comforts me. In darkest night, or when the sun is burning, my soul will keep returning here beneath the cross. Sometimes I see upon the cross of Jesus the Savior of the universe suff'ring there for me. And in my heart, I know I am unworthy, still Your love flowed freely there beneath the cross. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? There for me the Savior stands, holding forth His wounded hands. So for all my life I'll take the cross of Jesus, and walk the road before me in the sunlight of His grace. And from my heart, I'll sing the wondrous story: the never-ending story of the cross of Christ.

RENEW Receive the grace of God

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 602)

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

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

- *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

Do you turn from your sin of dwelling upon life's circumstances more than Christ's kingdom?

We do.

Do you repent of your lack of love for Christ and your neighbor?

We do.

Because God has declared His eternal love for you in Christ, will you rest upon His grace for your future?

We will.

Assurance of God's Pardon Isaiah 46:8-10

Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

Hymn *Come Ye Sinners* (Sheet Music on Page 10)

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Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r

I will rise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O there are ten thousand charms

Come ye thirsty come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Come ye weary heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

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View Him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner will this not suffice

Lo th'incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O there are ten thousand charms
O there are ten thousand charms*

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

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[†] Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] 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

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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.

Hymn *Jesus I Come* (Sheet Music on Page 11)

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Music: Greg Thompson
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Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

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 John 14:1-14 (p. 901)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

“The Savior’s Comfort”

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

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.

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 *Take My Life And Let It Be*

Frances Havergal | Henri Malan
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» ***The Mercy Fund offering will be collected at the beginning of this hymn.***

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

Benediction

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



Giving Report

 For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

April Giving: \$203,555
April Goal: \$245,594
Difference: -\$42,039

FY Giving from Oct-Apr: \$1,564,862
Giving Goal for Oct-Apr: \$1,691,869
Difference: -\$127,007

FY Giving Goal (Oct-Sep): \$2,728,820

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

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at noon to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Come Ye Sinners

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1. Come ye sin - ners poor and need - y weak and__ wound - ed__
2. I will rise and go to Je - sus He will em - brace me__
3. Come ye thirs - ty__ come and wel - come God's free__ boun - ty__
4. Come ye wear - y__ heav - y la - den lost and__ ru - ined
5. View Him pros - trate in the gar - den on the__ ground your
6. Lo th'in - car - nate God as - cen - ded pleads the__ mer - it__



sick and sore Je - sus read - y stands to save you
in His arms In the arms of my dear Sav - ior
glo - ri - fy True be - lief__ and true re - pen - tance
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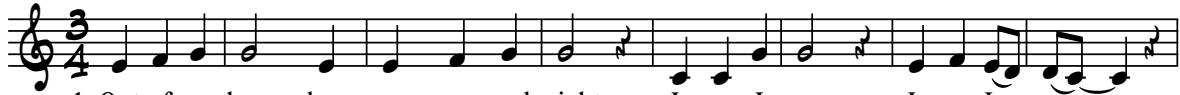
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O there are__ ten - thou - sand charms.
Ev - 'ry grace that__ brings you nigh.
You will nev - er__ come at all.
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Let no oth - er__ trust in - trude.

Jesus I Come

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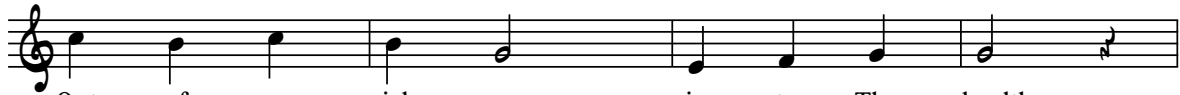
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1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je-sus I come; Je-sus I_ come.
2. Out of my shame-ful fail - ure and loss,
3. Out of un-rest and ar - ro-gant pride,
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,



In-to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je-sus I come to Thee.
In-to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
In-to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
In-to the joy and light of Thy home,



Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,



Out of my sin_ and in - to_ Thy self, Je-sus I come to Thee.
Out of dis - tress, in - to ju-bi-lant psalm,
Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a_ dove,
Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to_ be - hold,

Announcements

VBS Registration is NOW OPEN

Join us for a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19th-23rd from 9am to 12pm each day as we learn about Jesus' love and what that means for us! Each day at VBS, kids will participate in awesome Bible adventures, play teamwork-building games, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, make fun crafts and have lots of fun! VBS is for kids aged 4 through rising 5th graders. (We offer childcare for children ages 0-3 years for parents who volunteer during VBS) Register today by scanning this QR code, or learn more on our VBS website at tcpca.org/vbs.



VOLUNTEER AT VBS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an exciting week in the life of our church that brings the gospel to life for our children through Bible lessons, worship, silly skits, games and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more kids we can welcome to VBS. Our team includes adult and student (middle and high school) volunteers. Jump in on the fun alongside the kids, or serve behind the scenes, we'll find the perfect place to use your gifts. Register to volunteer today at tcpca.org/vbs or email Nicole Dorton at ndorton@tcpca.org.

Senior Ministry Luncheon on May 21

You may be surprised to learn the breadth of TCPC's Mercy Ministry! We are excited about having a presentation by James Veldhorst, the chairman of the Mercy Committee for the diaconate, who will give us an overview of all that this ministry encompasses. In addition, Preston Hicks, who leads the weekly ACCESS prayer group, will present plans for expansion of this ministry, which is also critically important to the entire ministry of TCPC. We'll meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the second service. We heartily welcome all ages, not just seniors, but please help us to be sure we have enough food by sending an RSVP to Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com by May 16.

Ready to make a budget that will finally stick?

Gain control over your finances! Join us for a two part seminar to learn the popular budgeting tool YNAB (You Need A Budget). YNAB is a digital upgrade to the envelope system that encourages you to be intentional with your money. When you have a plan it's easier to prioritize what you value! If you have/earn money this class is for you. Couples are encouraged to join together. Childcare will be provided. Spots are limited so please email zach.whelchel@gmail.com to reserve. May 8 & May 15 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Lower Level Boardroom.

Colson Fellows Program

Gain Wisdom. Live Faithfully. Act Courageously. The Colson Fellows Program is a 10-month deep dive into Christian worldview. Students engage in daily devotions related to contemporary cultural issues, curated book studies, and interaction with faculty and fellow students in your region and across the country. For more information or to apply, visit www.colsonfellows.org, or contact the Lexington Cohort Director, Kim Livesay, at klivesay@colsonfellows.org, or (859) 230-1205. The deadline to apply for the 2023-2024 Colson Fellows Program is June 15.

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