

THE PRAYERS OF OUR SAVIOR

JOHN 17

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 Form**. We would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please visit **tcpca.org/visitor** or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



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Preparing Our Hearts for Worship...

“It is not only in worship that the community is edified and edifies itself. But it is here first that this continually takes place. And if it does not take place here, it does not take place anywhere.”

- Karl Barth

Order of Worship

August 27, 2023 at 9:00 and 11:15 AM

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.

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Call to Worship from Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars, which You have set in place,

What is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?

ALL: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Hymn *All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name*

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All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev’ry kindred ev’ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

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O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Will You Come And Follow Me?* **(Music on Page 14)**

Text: John Bell | Graham Maule

Music: Scottish Melody

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Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you live a life of prayer and put your trust in Me

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in me

Lord, your summons echoes true when You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me
*In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 (Pew Bible p. 624)

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 from John Calvin

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a love beyond our righteousness, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet, we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone, and we have wandered from Your pathway. As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

- *Silent Prayers of Confession* -

Repentance of God's People

Do you repent of idolatrous love? **We do.**

Do you return to your first Love? **We do.**

Assurance of God's Pardon from Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

Greeting of the Peace of Christ

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 *You Are My All In All*

Dennis Jernigan

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You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jew'el

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

REFRAIN:

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all **(REFRAIN)**

RESPOND Embrace the call of God

Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

In revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

In His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

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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.

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

In subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

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!"* 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.*

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 17:20-26 (p. 903)

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

Sermon Rev. Mark Randle

"Jesus Prays for Us"

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.

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.

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.

Profession of Faith

11:15 - Owen Cunningham

Holy Communion

Hymn *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Benediction

Go love your God. **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:

Kathryn Lyon
KRL40502@aol.com

Janet Whitley
janetjwhitley@gmail.com

ACCESS Prayer Group

The Access Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 PM to pray for our church and our community. Send prayer requests to:

Mary Beth Moore
mdmoorefamily@gmail.com

Giving Report

For more information, visit tcpca.org/give.

July Giving: \$196,439
July Goal: \$218,306
Difference: -\$21,867

FY Giving from Oct-Jul: \$2,092,534
Giving Goal for Oct-Jul: \$2,237,633
Difference: -\$145,099

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

Will You Come And Follow Me?

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Will you come and fol - low me if I but
Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but
Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but



call your name? _____ Will you go where
call your name? _____ Will you care for
call your name? _____ Will you quell the
call my name! _____ Let me turn and



you don't know and nev - er be the
cruel and kind and nev - er be the
fear in - side and nev - er be the
fol - low You and nev - er be the



same? _____ Will you let my love be shown;
same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare
same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found
same! _____ In Your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known; will you
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
to re - shape the world a - round, through my
where Your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
live a life of prayer and put your trust in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Announcements

Next Fellowship Dinner on September 6

Join us on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 PM for our next church-wide Fellowship Dinner! The dinner theme will be a taco night, and you can RSVP today by scanning this QR code.



Mercy Lunch & Snack Packs for Millcreek Elementary on September 3

On the first Sunday of every month, Luke Rakestraw leads a lunch gathering in the Lower Level Classroom directly after the 11:15 service to give an update on the Mercy ministry in the neighborhood and to pack 800 bags of snacks for hungry children in our neighborhood. This is a wonderful opportunity each month for you or the whole family to get involved in helping to love and serve our neighbors. Please RSVP to Luke Rakestraw (lrakestraw@tcpca.org) if you're able to attend.

Foundations Membership Class on September 15-16

We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology to attend our next Foundations membership class on September 15-16. The sessions take place Friday night and Saturday morning, with Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast provided. To sign up, scan this QR code or go to tcpca.org/foundations. If you have questions, please email Nate at njones@tcpca.org.



Save the Date! Next Senior Ministry Luncheon on September 17

All of us are eager to share our faith and help others to grow, but most of us are stumped at how to get started. At our next luncheon Tom Gold is going to talk about mentoring one-on-one with others, and Nicole Dorton is going to present ideas on how we can help with the children. We'll be meeting in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the second service, and we always encourage all ages, not just seniors, to come and enjoy a free lunch and time of fellowship with others. Please reserve your spot by emailing Eileen Frisinger at bifrisinger@aol.com.

Sing in the Choir!

Choir rehearsals will resume on August 30th at 6:45 PM. The fall is a busy season preparing for our Christmas Cantata along with beautiful music for regular Sundays. If you are looking for a way to serve at TCPA, be part of a fun and supportive community, and enjoy God's gift of music; come join us! Newcomers are always welcome! Email Chelsea at csteyn@tcpca.org for information.

Handbell Players Needed

The handbell choir is looking for 1 or 2 new players for our Aug/Sept session as well as people willing to substitute if the need arises. You do not need to have played bells before but an understanding of music rhythm reading is important. We will be rehearsing on Wednesday nights 8-9:10pm this session and plan to play in worship Sept. 17. Please contact Suzanne Dovel at sdovel@tcpca.org if you are interested or for more information.

Women's Retreat on September 8-9

The Women's Ministry invites you to join us for our Fall Retreat! The theme is "Bring Shalom" and the retreat will include teaching times, small group discussion, fellowship, music, activities, prayer, and lots of fun. We will meet starting with dinner on Friday, September 8th, and conclude around lunch the next day. This will all take place at the Origin Hotel, and we would love for you book a room and stay the night with friends (see website for discounted nightly rate). The registration fee is \$80. Learn more and register today by scanning this QR code or by going to tcpca.org/women.



FALL KICKOFF

Learn more on our website about the ministries, activities, and small groups that are starting in the coming weeks as part of our Fall Kickoff.

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