

Tates Creek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 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

August 30, 2020 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM

## REJOICE Declare the praises of God

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### Prelude

### Call to Worship from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

LEADER:

Praise be to You, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**PEOPLE:**

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.**

LEADER:

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.

**PEOPLE:**

**Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.**

LEADER:

In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**UNISON:**

**Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.**

### Hymn of Rejoicing *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

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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 shouldst die for me?  
**Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God shouldst 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.

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## **REFRAIN:**

**Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God shouldst 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 (**REFRAIN**)

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 (**REFRAIN**)

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 (**REFRAIN**)

## **Invocation**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Membership Vows**

9:00 - Austin & Ruth Doctor

## **Baptism**

9:00 - Ellis and Patrick Doctor, sons of Austin & Ruth Doctor

## **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, Ellis and Patrick, though you do not know it yet.**

## **Invocation**

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

## Scripture Reading Isaiah 53

- 1**Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2**For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him,  
and no beauty that we should desire Him.
- 3**He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
- 4**Surely He has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed Him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5**But He was pierced for our transgressions;  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with His wounds we are healed.
- 6**All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on Him  
the iniquity of us all.
- 7**He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,  
yet he opened not His mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so He opened not his mouth.
- 8**By oppression and judgment He was taken away;  
and as for His generation, who considered  
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?
- 9**And they made His grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although He had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in His mouth.

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**10** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him;

He has put Him to grief;  
when His soul makes an offering for guilt,  
He shall see his offspring; He shall prolong his days;  
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

**11** Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;  
by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and He shall bear their iniquities.

**12** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many,  
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because He poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet He bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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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** from "Valley of Vision"

**UNISON:**

**God of all Grace,**

**I have no robe of righteousness to bring to cover my sins, and no skill to weave my own. But You have clothed me with the Savior's robe, and decked me with the jewels of His holiness.**

**Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great throne of judgment in it, and enter glory in it shining as the sun.**

**Grant me to never lose sight of the exceeding wickedness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.**

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

## **Repentance of God's People**

MINISTER:

Do you turn from the vanity of self-righteousness?

**PEOPLE:**

**We do.**

MINISTER:

Do you return to the surety of Christ's righteousness?

**PEOPLE:**

**We do.**

## **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.

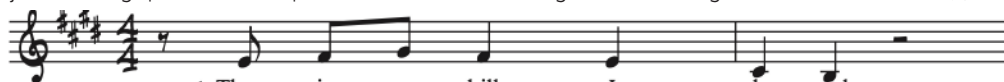
# Assurance of God's Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:21

MINISTER: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

## Hymn of Renewal *My Wealth Is In The Cross*

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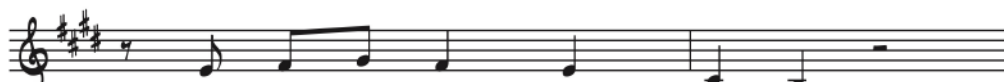
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1. There is a hill I che - rish  
2. How is it I should pro - fit  
3. I will not boast in rich - es.  
4. And when I stand in glo - ry,



3 where stood a pre - cious tree,  
while He is cru - cified?  
I have no pride in gold.  
my crowns be - fore the Lord,



5 the em - blem of sal - va - tion,  
Yet as His life was giv - en.  
But I will boast in Je - sus,  
let this be my con - fes - sion:



7 the gift of Cal - va - ry,  
so I was grant - ed mine  
and in His name a - lone.  
"My wealth is in the cross."



9 My wealth is in the cross, there's noth - ing more I



11 want than just to know His love. My heart is set on



13 Christ, and I will count all else as loss. The great - est of my



15 crowns mean noth - ing to me now. For I count - ed up the



17 cost, and all my wealth is in the cross.

## Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

MINISTER:

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**PEOPLE:**

**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.**

MINISTER:

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**PEOPLE:**

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

MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**PEOPLE:**

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

MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

**PEOPLE:**

**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.**

MINISTER:

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**PEOPLE:**

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

## 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.

## Doxology Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost A-men.



## 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.

## Offertory Prayer

### Hymn of Preparation *Speak O Lord*

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Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

### Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40

**26**Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. **27**And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28**and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29**And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." **30**So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31**And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. **32**Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

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“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

**33**In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

**34**And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” **35**Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. **36**And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” **38**And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39**And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40**But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LEADER:

The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Rev. Robert Cunningham, Senior Minister

**“Have You Found What You’re Looking For?”**

## **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**

### **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 of Response *Before The Throne Of God Above*

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Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## 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!

## Benediction

**MINISTER:**  
Go love your God;

**PEOPLE:**  
Go love your neighbor.

## Postlude



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

July Giving: \$144,899  
July Goal: \$184,211  
**Difference: -\$39,312**

YTD Giving (Oct-Jul): \$1,856,620  
YTD Expenses (Oct-Jul): \$2,042,697  
**Difference: -\$186,076**

# Announcements

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## **A New Way of Doing Sunday School: “Sunday School Pods”**

Next month, we will be starting a new way of doing Sunday School that we’re calling “Sunday School Pods.” These will be inter-generational educational opportunities for everyone in our church. These small groups (small enough to practice social distancing in classrooms across the building) will meet each Sunday from 10:10-10:50, and the theme for this Fall is “Stories from Genesis.” 5th Graders and younger may attend a Children’s Sunday School class for their age if the parent chooses, but please know that they are welcome in these Pods, which are being designed for all ages. Pod assignments will happen next month. Sign up today at [tcpca.org/pods](http://tcpca.org/pods) or email Mark Randle at [mrandle@tcpca.org](mailto:mrandle@tcpca.org).

## **VERITAS Sunday School Class**

The VERITAS Adult Sunday School class will return to a study of the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapters 3-6, beginning September 13th. Our teacher will be Ron Whitley. You are welcome to join us in the Parlor, or virtually via Zoom. Kindly e-mail Harry Standinger ([hstandin@hotmail.com](mailto:hstandin@hotmail.com)) if you plan to attend in-person, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting.

## **Parish Groups Starting in September**

Parish Groups will be resuming in September! In light of the complexity of in-person gathering due to Covid 19, we aim to keep Parish Groups as simple as possible for the new year. Therefore, you will not need to sign up for a group this fall, but the groups from last year will remain in place. You will be hearing from your Parish Group leader in the coming weeks! If you are new to Parish Groups, or if you would like to be reassigned to a new group, email Mark Randle ([mrandle@tcpca.org](mailto:mrandle@tcpca.org)) and he will get you in a group.

## **Women’s Bible Studies**

The Women’s Bible Study for the fall will begin on September 16. We will be using Nancy Guthrie’s ‘The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books’ which is available through several online sources. Various meeting options, including in-person at church, in-person at someone’s home, and Zoom will be available. You can learn more and sign up for either the morning or evening Bible Study online at [tcpca.org/women](http://tcpca.org/women).

## **LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together)**

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) will be starting again towards the end of September 2020. We will meet in small groups of 6-9 women in a home once a month, September through April. This year we will be visiting together and discussing “Union with Christ” by Rankin Wilbourne. Home group option & zoom option are available 2020-2021. Please visit [tcpca.org/women](http://tcpca.org/women) to sign up online. The deadline for signups will be Friday, September 4th. If you have any questions please contact, Mary Beth Moore at 859-327-5527, or Kelly-Anne Bradley at 859-327-9258.

## **MDO Openings**

Tates Creek Mother’s Day Out program is starting back September 1st! We serve 1-4 year olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm. We are still able to accommodate several more children this year! We are also looking for substitute teachers. Email Malisa Anderson at [mdo@tcpca.org](mailto:mdo@tcpca.org) if you are interested.

## **Job Openings at Trinity Christian Academy**

Trinity is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Upper School Aide (seasonal)
- Lower School Aides (seasonal)
- Lower School Custodian (seasonal)

For more information, contact Melissa Feaster at [mfeaster@trinitylex.org](mailto:mfeaster@trinitylex.org).