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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...

“The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances.”

- Elisabeth Elliot

COVER ARTWORK

*St. Paul Preaching to the Jews in the Synagogue at Damascus,
from Scenes from the Life of St. Paul (mosaic) by Byzantine School
Duomo Monreale, Sicily, Italy*

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 20, 2020 at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 1:00PM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude

Call to Worship

LEADER: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

PEOPLE: With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

LEADER: I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

PEOPLE: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

LEADER: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

PEOPLE: Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Rejoicing *I Sing The Almighty Power Of God*

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I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad and build the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There’s not a plant or flow’r below but makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be thou God art present there

Welcome & Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Rachel Sebourn

Scripture Reading Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then He will speak to them in His wrath,
and terrify them in His fury, saying,
“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in 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

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 of God's People from The Book of Common Prayer

UNISON: O Father, we are gathered before You, whose dwelling place is with the broken of spirit and the contrite of heart, to confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You as we should; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. Only do not leave us in our sorrow. As we admit our sin and shame, show us the truth of forgiveness, the hope of promise, and the joy of salvation.

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

LEADER: Do you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord?

PEOPLE: We do

LEADER: Do you believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead?

PEOPLE: We do

Assurance of God's Pardon Romans 10

MINISTER: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Hymn of Renewal *Once Again* (Music on Page 10)

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Confession of Faith from Westminster Catechism

LEADER:

What is the chief end of man?

PEOPLE:

The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

LEADER:

What is God?

PEOPLE:

God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

LEADER:

Are there more Gods than one?

PEOPLE:

There is but only one, the living and true God.

LEADER:

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

PEOPLE:

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation *I Will Praise Him Still (Music on Page 11)*

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Scripture Reading Acts 9:20-22

20And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." **21**And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" **22**But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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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.

Hymn of Response *Take My Life And Let It Be*

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Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise
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
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
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
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
Ever only all for Thee

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Postlude



Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

August Giving:	\$209,571	YTD Giving (Oct-Aug):	\$2,067,860
August Goal:	\$167,188	YTD Expenses (Oct-Aug):	\$2,209,885
Difference:	+\$42,382	Difference:	-\$142,025

**Thank you for the encouraging response to Robert's letter in the month of August.
Our budget for September is \$283,755.**

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!

Announcements

“One Step” Race Application

As we seek the glory of Christ and the good of the Bluegrass, we believe God is calling us to take seriously the issue of racial justice in our community. In light of this, we have created applications that we'd like everyone to consider: one step for your head, heart, and hands. Visit tcpca.org/onestep to learn more.

Sunday School Pods Start September 20

Today we are starting a new way of doing Sunday School that we're calling “Sunday School Pods.” These are inter-generational educational opportunities for everyone in our church. Pods 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. Sign up today at tcpca.org/pods or email Mark Randle with any questions at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Foundations Weekend - October 16-17

Registration is now open for our next membership class on October 16-17. The sessions will be Friday night and Saturday morning, and breakfast and dinner are provided. We invite anyone who is interested in pursuing membership and learning more about our church history and theology. To sign up, please go to tcpca.org/foundations. Please email Nate Jones with any questions at njones@tcpca.org

Parish Groups Starting Soon

Parish Groups will be resuming soon! 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) and he will get you in a group.

Men's Bible Study

The Wednesday Noon Men's Bible Study started last week and will continue to meet both in-person (in the Lower Level Boardroom) and simultaneously online (using Zoom). We will resume our study of Ephesians with chapter 5. Paul explains to the Ephesians (and each of us today!) how we are to live as Christ's disciples. We have a good time of fellowship and prayer for one another. Men of all ages are welcome. Come join us! If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Harry Standing at hstandin@hotmail.com

Company of Men

Company of Men resumed last week on Thursdays at 7:00 am. We will be meeting at TCPC in the lower level this fall. Company of Men is a wonderful way for men to enjoy fellowship, study the Bible and pray for one another (we also discuss various other topics!). If you have any questions, please email Mark Randle at mrandle@tcpca.org.

Mother's Day Out Openings

Our Mother's Day Out program is up and running, and we are so excited to serve 1-4 year olds this year! We still have two spots left in our 3/4 year old classroom. Contact Malisa Anderson at 706-877-2114 or mdo@tcpca.org if you are interested!

Je - sus Christ, I think up - on Your sac - ri - fice.
Now You are ex - al - ted to the high - est place.

You be - came no - thing poured out to death.
King of the hea - vens where one day I'll bow.

Man - y times I've won - dered at Your gift of life and
But for now, I mar - vel at Your sa - ving grace and

I'm in that place once a - gain. I'm in that place once a - gain.
I'm full of praise once a - gain. I'm full of praise once a - gain.

Once a - gain I look u - pon the cross where You died. I'm

hum - bled by Your mer - cy and I'm bro - ken in - side.

Once a - gain I thank You, once a - gain I pour out my life

Thank - You for the cross, thank You for the cross,

thank You for the cross my Lord. Thank You for the cross,

thank You for the cross thank You for the cross my Lord.

I Will Praise Him Still

Fernando Ortega

When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will
sing His name, I will praise Him, still. When dark
tri - als come and my heart is filled with the
weight of doubt, I will praise Him,
still. For the Lord our God, He is strong to save from the
arms of death, from the deep - est
grave; and He gave us life in His per - fect will and by
His good grace I will praise Him, still.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It begins in common time (C) and features several changes to 2/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a final measure in common time.

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