

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

*Opening Hymn #396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

1. Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
2. Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
3. Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.
4. Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will grind himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, **forgive us**;

For the things we have failed to do that we regret, **forgive us**;

For all the times we have acted without love, **forgive us**;

For all the times we have reacted without thought, **forgive us**;

For all the times we have withdrawn care, **forgive us**;

For all the times we have failed to forgive, **forgive us**.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Words of Assurance – 1 John 1: 5, 7

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, *that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all*. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Brothers and Sisters our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Psalm 33.12-22; Luke 12.32-40

Liturgist

Psalm 33.12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Luke 12.32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

No Hands But Yours

J. Jerome Wilson

Sermon

“Your Kingdom Come.’ Now What?”

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here and below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

Almighty God, gracious Father, in the presence of your bounty keep us humble, in the presence of all people's needs make us compassionate and caring. Give us faith in our praying and love in our serving, knowing that by your power all may find a new balance in living and a new victory in adversity. We pray for all unhappy lives, those who are bitter and resentful, feeling life has given them a raw deal, those who are sensitive to criticism and quick to take offense, those who desire their own way, whatever the inconvenience or cost to others. May your judgment and mercy be for their healing.

We pray for those who are lonely, who are shy and self-conscious, who find it hard to make friends; those who are nervous and timid, who ever feel themselves strangers in a world they can scarcely understand. May your presence inspire confidence and ensure companionship. We pray for those who live with bitter regrets, for loving relationships brought to ruin, for opportunities freely given and woefully abused, for the bitterness of defeat or betrayal at another's hand, or for failure in personal integrity. May your grace give new hope to find victory in the very scene of failure. We pray for all in illness and pain, weary of the day and fearful of the night. Grant healing, if it be your will, and at all times through faith the gift of your indwelling peace. Bless the company of Christ's folk, the church in every land. Make her eager in worship, fearless in proclamation of the gospel, and passionate for caring. Bless our country. Bless our leaders. Bless our children and grant us peace within our borders. Grant us a nation to be found effective in establishing peace throughout the world. Bless us, each one, in the communion of the saints, and keep us ever mindful of the great cloud of witnesses that, following in their steps, as they did in the steps of the Master, we may with them at the last receive the fulfillment promised to your people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who teaches us to pray

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

1. The church of Christ in every age, beet by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
3. then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

In Dir Ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness), BWV615

JS Bach

CHURCH SAFETY

Please help us to keep our members and staff safe. If you have scheduled a meeting, gathering, event or other, please KNOW that *you are the person responsible* for church security. If you unlock the front door – lock it again when your event STARTS. This is especially important when you are meeting upstairs. When your event is finished, make sure all exterior doors are locked as well as any interior doors you may have unlocked. If you need to assign someone in your group to be your “back-up” door locker, do so. The safety of our staff and members is important.

Thank you, The Property Committee

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY!

Please join us in a rousing sending off for Pastor Bruce on Sunday, August 17 following worship. Food is involved, of course! The main dish will be provided, but we are asking for contributions of side dishes and desserts. Let's thank him and wish him well on his next journey in life!

Day of Prayer (Pray-A-Thon) on Friday, August 22, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, in the Sanctuary

Nothing is more powerful than prayer. And when we pray together for something, it is even more powerful. In that spirit, we are planning another Day of Prayer (Pray-A-Thon) focused on praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the future of our church, the organ

replacement, budding youth ministry, or anything else you would like to pray for. The sanctuary will be open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for prayer in a quiet, candle-lit atmosphere with soft music. You can sign up for a half-hour time slot on the sign-up kiosk in the foyer or sign up with Sharon Cressman or Colleen Tavor. We want the whole day covered in prayer!

CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon!

Formerly known as “Women’s Euchre”, we’re including men and women. We’ll meet the first **Friday** of each month from **2 to 4 pm** in the Church Library. If you are new to the game, we can teach you. Depending on the number of players, we may play a different game. Mark these dates on your calendar: **Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer!

KIDS’ WORSHIP BAGS

The kids’ worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Garden and Nutrition – every Saturday, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Once again, this year, FPCF is sponsoring DCDI’s Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Sometimes we’ll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and always in the garden. We’ll learn vermicomposting, making a gingerbug, and more! Bring your kids or grandkids! If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here’s the upcoming schedule:

August 10: Last names beginning A-D

August 17: Last names beginning E-K

August 24: Last names beginning L-R

August 31: Last names beginning S-Z



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt just scan the QR code and follow

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