

Calendar

FLPC Sanctuary Flower Committee

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Worship Notes

***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship and our services are video-recorded.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.

***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 yrs and younger.

***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.

***RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex, the Connecting Point Hallway, and behind the sanctuary adjacent to the elevator. All restrooms are wheelchair accessible. An usher will be glad to direct you.

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE****

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary!
Let every living thing praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Loving God, we came to church this morning in order to worship you, but we have come ill-prepared. We are tired and stressed and distracted as we sit and try to listen. We can sit for hours in a movie theater but are restless in a church pew. We have not listened for your voice all week, but we are impatient that you do not speak to us in this hour we have set aside. We have not always done what is right, but we believe that our Sin is hidden from your sight. We speak of loving you, but cannot bring ourselves to love our own family and friends. Look upon us with love and compassion. Do not hold our stubbornness and Sin against us! Forgive our self-importance. May the meager acts of worship that we offer be made acceptable by your Grace. Amen.

Season of Easter;
the color of white is
the color reserved
for the greatest cele-
brations in the
Church’s life.

When this symbol *
precedes an element
of the service, please
rise in body or spirit.

A prayer of confession
invites us to reflect on
God’s purpose for our
lives. When we do this,
we realize how we have
missed the mark. This
confession of our
failures is not to make us
feel bad, but to speak the
truth about ourselves.
The truth is that we sin.
But the greater truth is
that when we confess
our sin, God’s nature is
to forgive so that we are
free to try again.

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God’s promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don’t need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

Learning to worship takes time, and we include our youngest members in worship by inviting them to the front for Time with Young Disciples. We are patient with young disciples learning to worship because God is patient with those of us who are older who are also learning to worship God.

The Lord’s Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:14

In Christ, God destroyed the record of the debt we owed and cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.
This gift of grace and reconciliation is from God! We accept and are grateful!

*HYMN NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Acts 5:17-21, 25-42

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Authority”

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Ed Black

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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Hymn of Promise”
Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

*THE DEDICATION

May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,
Change us and the world to serve your purpose!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Theological Declaration of
Barmen 8.11,12, 14, 15*

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

*HYMN NO. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG - The Lord’s Prayer

“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

*POSTLUDE

“The Strife is O’er”
Charles Callahan

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Chip & Lydia Clary by daughters Mandy Pierce and Marli Clary.



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The Theological Declaration of Barmen was written in 1934 by a group of church leaders in Germany to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and of the so-called “German Christians,” a popular movement that saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler’s National Socialism. Most Germans took the union of Christianity, nationalism, and militarism for granted, and patriotic sentiments were equated with Christian truth. The German Christians exalted the racially pure nation and the rule of Hitler as God’s will for the German people. The affirmations and rejections of the Declaration help us define the necessary /distance between the State and the Christian Church. {The Book of Confessions, PC (USA); p. 280)

Some worshipers find sitting and listening to the musical postlude helps them conclude their worship. Others find joy in greeting others. Choose the response that helps you worship God. And if a fellow worshiper is seated, please allow them time and space to listen and pray.