

FPC Interactive Worship Bulletin for April 14th, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

All: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places.

One: In the shadow of God's peace,
in the powerful name of Jesus,
and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

Gathering Song: Trinity Song

Refrain 1: Holy Father, Son and Spirit, Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Refrain 2: Come, with Your peace, with Your invitation; bind us together in Holy Love.

Sandra McCracken**

PRAISING

Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we gather to catch a glimpse of Your vision for our lives and all of creation;
to witness the presence of Christ in this place and in one another;
to feel Your Spirit moving around us, among us, and within us.

We are grateful that You draw us together as a community
to give thanks, to be renewed, and to share our lives.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, draw near to us as we draw near to You.
Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

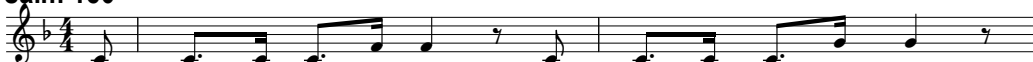
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Psalm 150



You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks,
You reached in - to the dust, in love Your Spir - it breathed.
Let sym - phon - ies re - sound, let drums and choirs ring out,

You paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders.
 You formed us in Your ver - y like - ness
 all heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship.

The earth, it is Your throne from des - ert to the sea.
 to know Your won - drous works, to tell Your might - y deeds,
 Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its hon - ors to the King,

All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor.
 to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.
 a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness,
 all cre - a - tion, praise the Lord, raise your voice,
 you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to west,
 let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord.

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

BELONGING

Kids on the Steps

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Sin is separation, and we know many separations in our lives. We admit to God the deep chasms between ourselves and our neighbors, between ourselves and God. Relying on God's love and mercy, let us make our confession.

O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit.
 And yet we are constantly coming face to face with divisions of all kinds –
 denominational, political, theological.
 We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart.
 Forgive us, great God, for this great sin.
 Help us to learn to live in community together,
 loving one another, in spite of our differences,
 and respecting one another in everything that we do and say.
 Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and mind.
 Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ,
 can we achieve this. Amen.

God is at work, nurturing our growth
 and showing us the ways that lead to life.
 God is at work, reconciling us to one another
 and teaching us the paths of love.
 God is at work, hearing our confessions,

forgiving our disobedience, and extending love.
Thanks be to God!

The Lord Our God is Good

The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good, full of
kind-ness and com-pas - sion, mer - ci-ful and just;
the Lord our God is good. 1. Who else knows our
2. Who takes His in -
deep-est pain, bears it as His own? Finds us in our
her - i-tance, gives it all a - way? Wel - comes guests to
na - ked shame, clothes and brings us home?
feast with Him who nev - er can re - pay?
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Paul Zach, Wendell Kimbrough, Jessica Fox, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer**

FORMING

Scripture Reflection

You are invited to reflect on the following Scripture passages.

Questions to consider:

1. *What does this passage say?*
2. *What does it mean (to all people)?*
3. *What does it mean to me?*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God[d] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that

no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 3:1-17

3 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3 for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrel[ing] among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? 4 For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. 9 For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 the work of each builder will become visible, for the day[b] will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. 14 If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. 15 If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?[c] 17 If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Prayer: Almighty and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your Word. We pray now for the grace to believe what we have heard, and to live in ways that honor you above all. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Song of Response: Christ is Lower Still

Breathe in, reach out, touch the hem of Your garment now.
Help me, heal me, my mind, my body and soul.

*Refrain: Let the King descend, living Word made flesh,
lift this heavy heart to Your throne, O God.
In Your wounds I find room for all of mine.
When from grace I fell, Christ was lower still.*

Humbly, lowly, Jesus waits in the valley.
My Savior suffers with me, with Him I’ll rise again.

Let the King descend, living Word made flesh,
lift this heavy heart to Your throne, O God.
In Your wounds I find room for all of mine.
When from grace I fell, Christ was lower still.
Till the earth is filled, Christ is lower still.

We lift it all up to You Lord. We lift it all up to You Lord.
We lift our heads, we lift our hands, we lift it all up to You Lord.
We lift our dreams, we lift our plans, we lift it all up to You Lord.
We lift our sorrow, and our pain, we lift it all up to You Lord.
We cast our cares on You again, we lift it all up to You Lord. *Refrain*
Matt Maher, Kate Bluett, Doe Jones**

STEWARDING

Invitation to Offering

‘Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth’ (1 Cor 3.7).

Let us, then, return all the resource we have for planting, all the resources we have for watering to God, who is everything, to God who gives us life and growth toward the sunlight of his good.

Instrument of Peace

*Refrain: Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.
Lord, make me an instrument of peace, an instrument of peace.*

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is darkness, let me sow light.
For in the giving, we shall receive. And in the dying, we're given life. *Refrain*

Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is injury, Your parting gift. Your consolation to those in pain. *Refrain*
Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach**

Prayers of the People

Let us bring the needs of the world to God's loving care. You are invited to hear the words "Lord, in your mercy," and respond by saying, "hear our prayer."

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy, we offer our prayer.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Hear the cries of your people and look with compassion on all who suffer. We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to destruction of its land, air and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Renew all nations in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer laws to build a society based on trust and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from war and violence; give all people a new vision of a life of harmony.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray these words:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Song: My Hope is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

Edward Mote and William B. Bradbury; arr. Sovereign Grace Music**

Benediction

Leading in Worship This Morning:

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