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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole are currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season — the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in his resurrection.

The Philippians meant everything to Paul; they were his joy and crown (4:1). He wanted them to mean everything to each other.

Sinclair Ferguson

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.

† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— May 5, 2024 —

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in

my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and

be glad.

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me!

People: And let us exalt His name together!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 34

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou Almighty King,
help us Thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 2

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and His Anointed, saying,

Pastor: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Pastor: Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying,

People: "As for me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."

Pastor: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

People: Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.

Pastor: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.

People: Now therefore, O kings of the earth, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.

Pastor: Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

† Doxology

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

Confession of Sin

Pastor: God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God

abides in him. Let us now confess our sins:

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who in His great mercy has

promised forgiveness of sins for all who repent and trust in His Son. In Christ, we have pardon and deliverance from all our sins. So, rest

yourself in Christ.

All: Amen!

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

THY MERCY

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Recognition of Graduates

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Allie Estes Robert Matteson

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Prayer of Intercession

Soctt Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that, we loving You in all things, may rest in Your promises, which exceed all that we can or ever will desire. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Philippians 4:1-9

[1] Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. [2] I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. [3] Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PEACE - PART I

Introduction

Addressing a Lack of Peace

Pursuing Peace

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some reasons that division occurs in the church?
- 2. How does this passage help us heal division? Specifically, how does it help two people who think differently to think in unity or agreement?
- 3. Why did Paul go so far as to call out Euodia and Syntyche publicly?
- 4. How does the gospel teach us and propel us to pursue peace as far as we're able?

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all

the company of Heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name

evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without

condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our

Father, and say:

All: 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 sins, as we

forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the Kingdom

and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts

by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice,

Gluten/Dairy free wafers are individually wrapped)

Understanding Holy Communion

"For Christ our Passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast." – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

- 1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
- 2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:1-6
- 3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing.
 - Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17
- 4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular "communicants" at the Lord's Table. Contact Rebecca York at rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." — 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me the ability to follow You no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow You as one of Your disciples. Amen.

JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all — a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. [Refrain]

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. [Refrain]

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME

Oh God of grace, how often have I grieved Thee How seldom have I sung Thy praise And little do I know how much I need Thee And time again I turn away For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but Love says "come"

Chorus

He will not cast you out,

He will not cast you out

Whoever enters in, will forever dwell with Him

Draw near, faint heart, draw near

Love still bids you welcome here

Oh Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away Your very Son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to ev'ry sinner "come" (*Chorus*)

Oh Lord of light You call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
And prodigals, we come to You for pardon
Oh Abba Father take us in (*Chorus*)

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PSALM 121 (AMAZING GRACE)

I lift my eyes up to the hills—
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, who made
the heav'ns and earth—it comes!

He won't allow your foot to slip; His watch o'er you He keeps. For He who watches Israel— He slumbers not nor sleeps. The Lord's your keeper; He keeps watch—
He's shade at your right hand.
The sun won't harm you in the day,
Nor moon at night—you'll stand!

The Lord will keep you from all harm;
Your life He watches o'er.
The Lord guards as you come and go
both now and evermore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Our Father, thank You for feeding us at the table of Your Son. May it continue to nourish us as we go into the world to serve and honor Him to the glory of Your name. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING † Song of Sending

REJOICE

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

Chorus

With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
Shepherd of our lives *Chorus*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always

Tell of the good He has done

Worship the Lord to remember

All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us

The dark cannot destroy

With praise that's never ending

We say again rejoice Chorus

We have every reason to praise the Lord

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May we rejoice in our Risen Lord.

Pastor: When we're anxious, doubting, and failing:

All: May we remember the tomb is empty.

Pastor: In all we do and say:

All: May our lives declare, "Christ is risen indeed!"

† The Blessing

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our

Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through

Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

Hebrews 13:20-21

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan – May 5

Randy Shannon – May 12

Daniel Sneed – May 19

Save the Date

Sat, June 1, 6:30 pm – Fults Appreciation Party at the Davis Barn June 24-27 – VBS

Information & Events

Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

You Can Support Our Missions Team: Cookies and prints! High-quality prints have been reproduced of the painting of the sanctuary by Havah Jones that was donated to the Silent Auction in February. Orders for chocolate chip cookies are provided by Nadia and Amelie Mason. All are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds support the trip to Saltillo, Mexico in July.

Resurrection Prayer: Guides are available on the fellowship hall table to direct your family devotion time during the liturgical season of Easter (now to Pentecost Sunday).

Ladies Game Night is tomorrow, May 6. Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday of the month (with exceptions made for holidays). Questions? Contact Alice Miller at 817-721-3578 or Margaret Kunkel at 214-802-5554.

FWPC 101: The next new members class is June 7-8. Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, June 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Use the QR code to sign up. Nursery is available upon request.

Information & Events

Officer Nominations This Month:, nominations for the Offices of Deacon and Elder will be accepted. Nomination forms, including information on the Qualification of Deacons & Elders, will be available on the Fellowship Hall table. The Session urges each member to read over this material with prayer, as you consider who you might nominate. Return completed forms to the box located on the Fellowship Hall table by May 31.

Christian Formation Classes: From June 4 to August 11, children's and youth classes, along with nursery, will be on summer break. One adult class will be offered in the Lecture Hall: Exploring the Gospels, led by Bob Schwartzbeck.

The Saltillo missions team thanks everyone who participated in the churchwide garage sale. Helpful funds for our trip were raised, meaningful conversations with our neighbors were had, and we grew together as a team, valuing each others' gifts, skills, and contributions in the body of Christ

Every Sunday in May on missions

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Mission to the World

MAY Amy Thom
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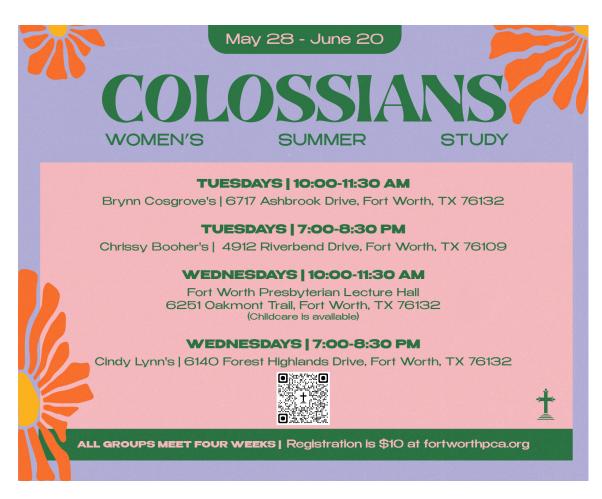
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