

October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Steve Grittman

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. ...These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. -The Confession of 1967

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

Rejoice, Sing Praise to the Lord

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Bless the Holy One, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul,
and forget not all the gifts of God.

Bless God, all creation,
in all places of God's dominion;
bless the Holy One, O my soul.

*OPENING HYMN

#157 I Danced in the Morning

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

from Psalm 103

God has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The 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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Still our hearts and minds, O God, that we might receive and understand your word for us today. We ask this in the name of your Word, Jesus Christ, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 1:1-4 (NRSV)

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. **3** He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4** having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

7 but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:21-22, 4:14-20 (NRSV)

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“I Believe in Jesus Christ...”

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*“Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All thanks and praise to you O God, maker of the universe and all that is within it.

We come to you in gratitude for this, another day of life in your beautiful creation.

We give you thanks for the call you have placed on our lives, for your grace made known in Jesus Christ, and for this family of faith into which you have adopted us.

In the silence of our hearts we lift to you now all for which we are grateful...

We give you thanks that when we call to you in prayer you do not leave our intercessions unheard. In recognition of this truth we pray for the needs of the church, the whole of humanity, and the world.

We pray for your Church, that we and all its members may be faithful disciples; living the way of Jesus; loving you with our whole selves and loving all our neighbors.

We pray for this earth; that it might be freed from the ravages of war, disease, and pollution. We pray for those areas decimated by violence and warfare; especially we pray for Palestine, Israel, and Lebanon, for Ukraine and Russia.

We pray for those in positions of leadership across this nation and around the globe; may they lead with wisdom, justice, humility, and mercy.

We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury, especially during the beginning of this cold and flu season. We pray also for the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and caregivers seeking the healing of others. We ask for your healing presence to be made known to all in need. Especially we pray for....

We pray for those who struggle with faith, for those who feel their connection to you is lost, for those who search, but aren't sure where to look. Reveal yourself to them anew in Word and Spirit, and empower us to share your life giving love, the Good News of Jesus Christ, with all we encounter.

We pray for all who struggle for justice; devoting themselves to ending systems of hate, fear, and oppression. Encourage and empower us to seek justice for all people and to work for peace in all places.

We pray for those whose lives and communities have been devastated by flood, drought, fire, and all manner of natural disaster. Bring healing and comfort to them and give endurance and compassion to all who work to rebuild. Especially we pray for the southeastern United States following hurricanes Helene and Milton.

We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, who don't have a safe place to call home, who struggle to maintain the basic necessities of life. May all people have enough, even more than enough.

We pray for all that rests wearily on our hearts and minds...

Hear these prayers, O God of mercy, and strengthen us for all that is ahead, until the day when you usher us into the blessed Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#246 Christ Is Alive!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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#189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair | TEXT: Latin, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt. | MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. The Hymnal, 1933

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#246 Christ Is Alive! | TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995 | MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778 | Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Believe: The Apostles' Creed, what it says and why it matters: This week we are discussing **chapter 2**, "**I believe in Jesus Christ...**" Next week, the week of October 27th, we will be discussing chapter 3, "I believe in the Holy Spirit..." The Zoom link to the discussion will be sent out the Friday before.

SPOT: Silence is not itself a spiritual practice, but it is an integral part of spiritual practices. Come experience and reflect on silence and its place in our spiritual lives with us on **Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. This month's SPOT will be led by Pastor Brian. Spiritual Practices of Today (SPOT) is our monthly gathering where we learn about and try on various practices that can deepen our spiritual life and relationship with God.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: PDA is deploying National Response Team members to help respond to the needs of those in Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. If you would like to help support this financially, you can give online at bit.ly/DR000169

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Milla Spike, Kevin's grand daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Kelly, daughter of Al DeBellis, who has cancer
- Gary, Chuck Klaassen's brother-in-law, was in a serious car crash
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- George and Elaine Thole and family following Scott's death
- Tanya Jenson DeBellis and family following Al's death

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

8:30a 150th Planning Meeting
9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Pastor Brian
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

Monday

6:30p SPOT: Silence
7:00p AA

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe

Wednesday

1:00p Creed In-Person Discussion Group
7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

Friday

Saturday

8:00a Mental Health First Aid

Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Creating a Culture of
Safety & Stewardship
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)
 Gm C

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)
 F Dm Am Dm

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 Gm C7 Bb F

Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.


JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Refrain (F#m) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (D) (Bm)
Am Dm Am Dm F Dm




Dance, then, wher-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

(Em) (A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A7) (D)
Gm C F Dm F C7 F



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

(Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Gm C7 F Bb F



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B \flat Cm E \flat F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B \flat Fm Gm B \flat Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A \flat B \flat Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.