



Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Worship Service for the Lord's Day

February 5, 2023
8:15 AM
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Suite on Afro-American Hymn Tunes
Fanfare on McKee (In Christ There is No East or West)
Improvisation on *Lattimer* (This Little Light of Mine)
Communion (Let Us Break Bread Together)

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Call to Worship

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.

Let our light shine, giving glory to God.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 741, vss. 1-4

Guide My Feet

Spiritual

Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with your neighbor.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 112:1-9 (OT, pg. 563)
Matthew 5:1,13-20 (NT, pg. 4)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Salt and Light

Rev. Roger Owens

Offering

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their

age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Empowering God, you established your creation like a watered garden...

...and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eye has not seen nor ear heard, beckoning God...

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Inspiring God, you instill in us the wisdom of your Son's cross...

...until the day when you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

*Postlude

Postlude on Two Spirituals (*Go Down, Moses* and *I Want to Be Ready*) Charles Callahan

Note on Today's Music:

As we enter the month of February, today's music recognizes Black History Month. The organ prelude and postlude are taken from a suite of four movements based upon familiar Afro-American hymns and spirituals. The opening hymn is an African American spiritual based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. At the 11:00 am service the benediction response is another such spiritual depicting a people bound in slavery but still singing about dedicating themselves to God's use. And the Offertory Anthem at 11:00 am is William L. Dawson's exuberant spiritual "Ain'-a That Good News," which promises the rewards in heaven for a people enslaved on earth.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor
Dr. David A. Billings, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given for the glory of God and in memory of Thomas J. Phillis by Shirley Phillis and family.

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