



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

**October 8, 2023  
8:15 AM**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

Voluntary on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

**Welcome and Invitations**

Rev. Ginger Thomas

**Call to Worship**

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

The plants and trees show God's presence.

**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

Let us pray.

**God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be signs of your abundant mercy and live in thanksgiving for your grace, as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

**\*Hymn 15 (vs. 1,2, 6)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of life, You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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 others.*

**Scripture Readings**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT, pg. 13)

Psalm 19 (OT, pg. 498)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

A Voice Not Heard

Rev. Roger Owens

The asterisk (\*) in the bulletin invites you to rise in body or spirit.  
Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

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

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God...

...and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh...

...we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

...all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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

*Today we will receive by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.*

### Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, eternal God, that you have fed us in this sacrament. Fill us with a vision of your new creation where all may have life abundantly; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.**

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Bonnie Barrett

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### Participants Today

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