



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

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

Prelude

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

We rejoice in Christ's presence with us.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God!

Amen.

***Hymn 372**

O for a World

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Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

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

Exodus 32:1-9 (OT, pg. 78)
Philippians 4:1-9 (NT, pg. 198)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Offering

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

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.

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.**

Worthy of all praise are you, God of Moses...

...and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn:

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!

Feasting God, as we share in this wedding banquet...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Faithful God, receive the supplications of your church...

...Trinity of every grace, 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

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing

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Participants Today

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