

# FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate  
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



**The Transfiguration**

Oil Painting

By Charles Pabst

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Johnson &amp; Johnson

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from prayer by Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

Lord, open unto us, **Light for our darkness.**  
Open unto us, **Courage for our fear.**  
Open unto us, **Hope for our despair.**  
Open unto us, **Peace for our turmoil.**  
Open unto us, **Joy for our sorrow.**  
Open unto us, **Strength for our weakness.**  
Open unto us, **Wisdom for our confusion.**  
Open unto us, **Forgiveness for our sin.**  
Open unto us, **Love for our hates.**  
Open unto us, **Yourself for ourselves.**  
Lord, Lord, open unto us! **Amen.**

## \*HYMN 756

*O God of Every Nation*

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and justice, we have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the sacrificial love revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second.**

**Spirit, in all we do and all we are, help us to keep moving forward; seeing that the time is always right to do the right thing. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## \*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.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

*Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT, pg. 186)  
2 Peter 1:16-18 (NT, pg. 236)  
Matthew 17:1-8 (NT, pg. 18)

Claire Rocha

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

For Love of God and Country

Rev. Dr. Jim Gilchrist

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

UNSER HERRSCHER

## \*THE APOSTLES' 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 to hell. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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.**

**\*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.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE 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.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Psalm 150*

César Franck

*Hallelujah!*

*O praise ye the Lord, in His sanctuary; Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power.*

*Praise ye Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him for His mighty acts.*

*Praise ye Him, praise ye Him according to His majesty.*

*Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise ye Him with psalt'ry and harp.*

*Praise ye Him with the timbrel. Praise ye Him with the dance.*

*Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments.*

*Praise ye Him, praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals.*

*Praise ye Him, praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals.*

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, yea praise ye the Lord!*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 340**

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Samuel Francis Smith

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.*

*Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Suite Médiévale: V. Acclamations*

Jean Langlais

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Jim Gilchrist, Bridge Pastor (jim@fcpc.us)  
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## For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

**Children ages 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

**Nursery care** is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

**The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights insert for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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**This Morning's Music:** The Prelude, Anthem, and Postlude were written by French organists, who are part of the history known as the Saint Clotilde Tradition -- an unbroken line of transmission from the professors to their students. Each of these musicians served as titular organist at the Basilica of Saint Clotilde in Paris, France. Their compositions were influenced by the organ built by Aristide Cavallé-Coll in 1859. Ste. Clotilde's first organist, César Franck (1822-1890), held the position for thirty years. He was also professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire. Franck was succeeded by his student, Gabriel Pierné, who was succeeded by Charles Tournemire, another student of Franck. Tournemire's student Joseph-Ermond Bonnal was his first successor, followed by another student, Jean Langlais. Langlais studied improvisation with Tournemire, and made a name for himself when he was named organist titulaire at Ste. Clotilde in 1945. As a moment of personal privilege, I trace my musical lineage back to Cesar Franck, as my teacher, Ann Labounsky, was a student of Jean Langlais. — DM