

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Worship Service for the Lord's Day

With Open Arms



October 8, 2023

11:00 AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Fanfare on Psalm 81

John Cook

Blow the trumpet at the new moon...on our solemn feast day.

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Introit

The Heavens are Telling

Guy Russo

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament declares his handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

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.

***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.

***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!

***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**

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Cole Trout Kutzner, child of Nicole Lee Kutzner and Josh Paul Kutzner

Children are invited to come forward during the baptism, then follow Pastor Lori out to Kids' Church.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19 (OT, pg. 498)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Voice Not Heard

Rev. Roger Owens

***Hymn 370**

This is My Father's World

Terra Beata

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

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

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

Offertory Anthem

O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible. He is a great king over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth. Sing praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King. (Psalm 47:1,2,5-7)

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

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

Prayer of Dedication**Hymn 679**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Salzburg

Benediction**Benediction Response**

Yihyu L'Ratzon (from Sacred Service)

Ernest Bloch

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable before Thee, Adonoy, my Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata on Salzburg

Robert Hobby

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Hearing Devices

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.

For Children & Families During 11:00 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 age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lower level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lower level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance to the building.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

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

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
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Louise van Mook, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Jack Oehrle,
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