



**Building on a
Sure Foundation**
FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

October 29, 2023

8:15 AM

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
and Reformation Sunday**

Prelude

God's Blessings Flow Abundantly

Matthew Weston

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 27, John 4:23)

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***Hymn 363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Darwall's 148th

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are 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

Matthew 5:1-12 (NT, pg. 4)
2 Corinthians 9: 1-2a, 5-15 (NT, pg. 183)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Indescribable Gift

Rev. Roger Owens

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.**

It is truly right and just to give you thanks in every time and in every place...

...we praise and magnify your glorious name, joining our voices in the eternal 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!

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary...

...as we await the day of his coming, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people and upon these your gifts...

...all glory and honor 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 communion 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

Merciful God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this table. We give thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

Postlude

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Matthew Weston

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Participants Today

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