



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

**November 12, 2023
8:15 AM**
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Invitations

Call to Worship

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.

***Hymn 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ God sought reconciliation with us. The risen Christ is the Savior of all. All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community.

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

Psalm 78:1-7 (OT, pg. 537)
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (OT, pg. 215)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Our Common Calling

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

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 right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...and singing the hymn of the whole creation:

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!

We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ...

...as we share this feast of love and grace.

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

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

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

Sonata in D Major

Domenico Scarlatti

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