



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

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

**October 22, 2023  
8:15 AM  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

*Charles Callahan*

**Welcome and Invitations**

Rev. Ginger Thomas

**Call to Worship**

We are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,  
**built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.**  
In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;  
**in whom we are also built spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**  
**Let us worship God, the foundation of our faith!**

**\*Hymn 301, vss. 1-3**

Let Us Build a House (All are Welcome)

*Two Oaks*

**Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more— and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. 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 22:15-22 (NT, pg. 24)  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (NT, pg. 182)

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Roger Owens

**Offering and Stewardship Video**

*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

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

*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 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

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

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