



SUN 8:15 AM
AUGUST 18, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus

Curt Oliver

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Amen.

*HYMN 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Morning Hymn

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Singing Triune God, we confess thick tongues and awkward lives; we are slow to sing your praise. Give us a longing for the gospel song: the rhythm of hope, the harmony of love, the drumbeat of peace, and the passionate joy of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name 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 READING

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NT, pg. 194)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Time to Sing

Rev. Roger Owens

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

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.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

...even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

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.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

...to live for him in joy and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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.

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

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Franklin Ritter

Participants Today

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Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Designated Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)

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