



SUN 8:15 AM
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTEENTH 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

Concerto in D Aria—Allegro

G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Roger Owens

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God:

shine in our darkness.

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:

lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:

enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:

open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

renew in us the spirit of childhood.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:

open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. 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. Glory 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

Luke 5:1-11 (NT, pg. 62)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Risky Business...

Rev. Asa Lee

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.**

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...

...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.**

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

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

Trumpet Tune

David German

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)

Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)

Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, Guest Preacher

Richard Shaw, Guest Organist

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