



SUN 8:15 AM
AUGUST 25, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTEENTH 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

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No 2

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.

You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.

God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.

You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.

God, our Comforter, you are with us always.

You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.

Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.

Amen.

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you fully. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

*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 46 (OT, pg. 517)
Ephesians 6:10-20 (NT, pg. 195)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Roger Owens

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Sonata in E minor, III Grave
Louise Eckman, flute; Connie Phillips, piano

Jean-Baptiste Loeillet

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Menuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits
Louise Eckman, flute; Connie Phillips, piano

Christoph Willibald Gluck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

Participants Today

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

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

Connie Phillips, pianist

Louise Eckman, flute

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