



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

October 1, 2023
8:15 AM
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Prelude

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Call to Worship

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

***Hymn 529**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all times, places, races, and languages, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ, in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ. In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith.

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

Luke 10:25-37 (NT, pg. 71)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pervasive Love

Rev. Ralph Lowe

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, your Word made flesh ...

...we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving 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 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

...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 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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Larry Shackley

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Our guest preacher today is Rev. Ralph Lowe, Associate Minister for Justice Ministries of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Rev. Lowe also serves as the primary presbytery staff liaison for the North and West Branches of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, of which Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church is a part.

Participants Today

Rev. Ralph Lowe, Guest Preacher

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

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