



FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - 8:15AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song,
as the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?
Does Jesus care when my way is dark with a nameless dread and fear?
as the daylight fades into deep night shades, does He care enough to be near?
Does Jesus care when I've said good bye to the dearest on earth to me,
and my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks – Is it aught to Him? Does he see?
O yes, He cares – I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief;
when the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares.

Frank Graeff

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Friday Morning Book Group

Charlie Skinner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love each other, since love comes from God.

God showed His love for us by sending His only Son so that we might live through Him.

God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sin.

God is love. Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Let us live in God's love and rejoice in the God whose love is above all.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-4

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

How does God deal with us as sinners?

God hates our sin but never stops loving us.

God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed His life for us.

He died on the cross for our sins.

He showed His victory over death by rising from the dead.

He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.

Children of God, believe the good news!

In 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25—OT, pg. 696

Revelation 21:1-5—NT, pg. 259

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

(The prayer continues...)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, as You led Your people in ages past, You direct our journey into the future. We give You thanks that You came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await His coming again that His rule may be complete and Your righteousness reign over all the world. Then we will feast at His royal banquet and sing His praises with the choirs of heaven.

By Your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of Your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to You, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 625

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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* An invitation to rise as you are able.

Participants Today

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