

# FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 5, 2025 - 11:00AM 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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G.T. Thalben-Ball **PRELUDE** Elegy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

**CHORAL INTROIT** Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises South African Traditional Melody

> Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing Your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

O people of God, come, behold! The feast of Heaven!

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven \*HYMN 511 **LLANFAIR** 

## INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Lena Sweringen

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we are a divided people:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor, race from race:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide cultures and Christians:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by Your cross.

For the sins of our lives that keep us from being one people:

Forgive us, O Christ, by Your cross. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered for sins once for all.

Christ, the righteous one, suffered for us, the unrighteous.

He died in order to bring us to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit,

He died so that we might be forgiven and be alive in the Spirit.

Thanks be to God, for this great mercy!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133 (OT, pg. 575)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Doug Marshall

arr. Fred Bock

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**SERMON** World Communion Sunday

\*HYMN 317 In Christ There Is No East or West MC KEE

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. (x2) And we pray that all unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. (x2) And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side. (x2)
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

## **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.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty... (The prayer continues) ...we worship and adore Your glorious name.



Heavenly Father, You are holy and we are not... (The prayer continues) ... Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, we recall the death of Your Son... (*The prayer continues*) ...Through Christ, with Christ in Christ, all honor and glory are Yours forever.



## 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 & CUP**

Today we will receive communion by **intinction**. After the choir receives communion everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the servers on the far sides. After partaking of the Lord's Supper please return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served communion in your seat please let the servers know and they will bring the elements to you.

## \*COMMUNION HYMNS

**526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**525** Let Us Break Bread Together

**516** For the Bread Which You Have Broken

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Unite us as one people, that we may bring Your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen SURGE ECCLESIA

**BENEDICTION** 

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Taste and See James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

\*POSTLUDE Allegro pomposo Hugh Blair

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<sup>\*</sup> An invitation to rise as you are able.

# **Participants Today**

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)

Lena Sweringen, Liturgist

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)

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# For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

**Children age 3 to 5th grade** are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children may join a pastor at the front of the sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

**The Comfort Space** is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 5, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

## **Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance. If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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