

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Gross

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 5

Carl Snow

Liturgist: I will enter Your house because of Your abundant, steadfast love

All: I will bow down at Your holy temple and honor You

Liturgist: Because You bless the righteousness, O LORD

All: You cover them with favor like a shield

*HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymnal #2

Verse 1: Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim, All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Verse 2: Hark, the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Verse 3: Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only one, Undivided God we claim thee,
And adoring, bend the knee, While we sing our praise to Thee.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

CALL TO CONFESSION

from 1 Timothy 1

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Liturgist: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
If you are a sinner, join me in confessing to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, the apostle Paul said he was the biggest sinner of all. Who are we to say we're any better? We admit that we pay more attention to other people's failures and miss too many of our own. Oh, Lord, we're sorry for the wrong we've done. We haven't done as much good as we should have either. That cross proves how much Your mercy and forgiveness cover. Do we deserve Your grace? Not even close, but we're thankful for it. Help us live more like we should, for we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Colossians 1

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Liturgist: But now Christ has reconciled you by His physical body through death, to present you to God as a people who are holy, faultless and without blame. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. AMEN. AMEN.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Carl Snow

Liturgist: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Within These Walls

Chopin

*Within these walls, we assemble.
Within these walls, we gather in your name.
As we join our hearts in a holy union,
we come to find communion in your holiness again.*

*Within these walls, let there be harmony;
a common bond; a Spirit from above.
And as your children let us love each other
as sisters and as brothers united by your love.*

*We are the branches, You are the vine.
We are the vessels and You are the wine.
We are the body, You are the Head.
For every hunger, You are the Bread.*

*Within these walls, let there be refuge,
a place of rest when doubts and trials form.
And let us lift each other as we gather
to find your peace no matter how terrible the storm.*

*We are the branches, You are the vine.
We are the vessels and You are the wine.
We are the body, You are the Head.
For every hunger, You are the Bread.*

*Within these walls give us your vision.
Within these walls, let us understand
that beyond these walls, there are hurting people
who have never felt your healing hand.*

*Beyond these walls, send us forward
Beyond these walls, let your will be done.
We are your people; You will leave us never
and we shall work together until your kingdom comes.
Your kingdom comes!*

*Within these walls, let us listen.
Within these walls, let us worship You, Amen!*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

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SERMON

"Not Tracking"

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*HYMN

I Then Shall Live

Hymnal #604

*Verse 1: I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*Verse 2: I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.*

*Verse 3: Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, And may You feed a hungry world through me.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

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Liturgist: Let us thank God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

The Savior is Waiting

Arr. Towner/Ferrin

***DOXOLOGY**

The Old Hundredth

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

***HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

Hymnal #589

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them – whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them – whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them – whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary Flowers this Sunday are given by Martha Coppock in memory of her mother, Ellen Willisson (1911-1996)

Women's Fellowship: Join the FCPC Women's Fellowship today following worship for an Old-Fashioned Southern Swap Party. If you didn't bring an item to swap, still come down for food and fellowship. Following the swap, we will come together for a service project preparing medicine bottles to be donated to communities in need. A Petros style lunch will be provided with brownies for dessert. Come and fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

Second Friday Presbyterians: Each Second Friday, members of FCPC gather at a local bar or brewery for fellowship and libations. The mood is always welcoming and family-friendly if people choose to bring their children, but childcare is provided upon request. On March 14th the group will meet at Barrelhouse by Gypsy Circus. Come out for a great time!

Free Community Pancake Breakfast: Did someone say pancakes!? Join us Saturday, March 15th for a Free Community Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. This is an excellent way to get to know our neighbors and share a meal with the Fountain City Community.

FCES Spring Carnival: Fountain City Elementary School is seeking volunteers for their Annual Spring Carnival. The date is April 11th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please contact Denna Grogan if you are interested. It's always a fun time!

Belize Mission Trip Update: At times, God calls on us to change our plans. That is what has happened this year with the Belize Mission Trip. In early recruiting from May last year through the fall, several people expressed interest in participating on the 2025 Belize Mission Team. However, many of them ran into unavoidable family, work, or other obligations that prevented them from committing to the team this year. Even though we were unable to identify enough available people to justify a group trip this year, many of those with conflicts expressed interest in serving on the team in 2026.

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

3/14/78 Nell Reynolds, 3/14/02 Myrtle Olsen, 3/14/06 CD Cawrse, 3/9/08 Don Rochat, 3/9/08 Clora Cawrse, 3/11/15 Jeannette Cross

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3/9 Dawn Headrick, 3/11 Meghan Tidwell, 3/12. Johnny Biddle, 3/13 Mary Beth New, 3/13 Karen Sheddan, 3/14 Ashton Hicks, 3/14 Meghan Miller, 3/11 Brett & Meghan Miller

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Carl Snow
Greeters.....Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin
Ushers.....Darlene & Jon Miller, Amy Ogden
Music.....FCPC Chancel Choir
Tech Team.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins, April Lamb
Faithful Friends (Children's Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb
Nursery..... Laura Marquez & Laurismar Wrinkle



Our Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse, *Interim Pastor*
Ashton Hicks, *Office Administrator*
Bob Eubanks, *Choir Director*
George Hill, *Organist*
Nancy Wells, *Pianist*

CASE STUDY FOR MARK 9:30-37

The Deacon Board at Calvary Church called a special meeting to discuss concerns regarding the senior pastor. Pastor Steve was in his sixth year at Calvary, and the congregation had grown during that time such that a major facility expansion was near completion. But sermons and programs were becoming more controversial, and now there were rumors of misconduct on the part of Pastor Steve. A few long-time members left during the previous month, with one of them saying the congregation had changed so much she didn't recognize it as Calvary Church anymore. Some younger families who left hinted that a potential lawsuit against Pastor Steve and the Deacon Board might be in the works.

"We have to be real careful how we deal with this," said Avery, one of the longer-serving board members. "With the debt on the expansion project and the loss of giving from people who already left or are thinking of leaving, we could put ourselves in a very tough position."

"If we fail to act responsibly when leadership goes rogue, then who would support us anyway? We'd lose all credibility and everything that goes with it. My heart is just broken," added Andrea, a third-generation member of Calvary.

A newer Deacon named Randy quickly jumped in, "What do you mean 'when leadership goes rogue'? I think there's a group of disgruntled people out to crucify Pastor Steve! He's done so much to grow this church; we should be doing everything we can to support him and stop these vicious rumors!"

"Now hold on everyone, let's dial it down and work through this as brothers and sisters in Christ," said Harold, the Chair of the Deacon Board. "I wonder if getting some outside help might be beneficial for us as a board. Having an objective consultant could allow us to process important information with reduced tension and provide a neutral perspective for us to consider. What do you think?"

"I think dragging this out will only make it worse," said Julie, another newer Deacon. "People elected us as Deacons to discern God's will for this church and to manage things accordingly. Sure it's hard, but it's our job and we need to do it."

QUESTIONS

In Mark 9:30-37, is the disciples' argument about greatness a separate story, or do the before & after comments of Jesus relate to the greatness argument? Are the disciples wrong about greatness in the Kingdom of God? Why?

If you were in the Calvary Church board meeting and did a devotional on this passage to start the meeting, how would you expect this story to affect the discussion?