

***Hymn #713 Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

***Charge**

Leader: Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place. Let us pray with persistence to keep this trust strong and our faith solid.

Dan Rhea

***Benediction**

Andy Morgan

***Congregational Benediction**

**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

Greeters

Carl Snow, Cindy Snow

Ushers

Don Grogan, Denna Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb

Liturgist

Dan Rhea

Music

Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble

Minister

Dr. Andy Morgan



Announcements

Trunk or Treat is on October 30th at 5pm in the church parking lot. The church is providing hotdogs, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring the kiddos, decorate your trunks and bring candy to share!

GriefShare - Have you lost someone? Are you grieving? We want to offer you a safe place to share your grief or just work through the grief with others who are experiencing their grief journeys as well. There is no charge and all materials are provided. Every Tuesday from 1-2:30pm.

Men's Prayer Group meets on Thursdays in the Greeting Room at 7:30am. We would love to have you join us!



October 16, 2022

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Dan Rhea

Leader: From where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

All: The Lord is our keeper.

Leader: Who is with us always?

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is with us and for us in all things.

Prayer of the Day

Dan Rhea

Leader: God of justice and mercy, we thank you for the gift of the law and all the Scriptures. We thank you for establishing justice and for dealing with us not according to our faithfulness, but according to your mercy. Put your persistent Spirit within us so that we may work tirelessly, and cry out day and night, that your will is done in all the earth. We pray to you who helps us, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn #186 Lord, Be Glorified**

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my song Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my heart Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my heart Lord, be glorified today.

Ritual of Friendship

Andy Morgan

Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front

Call to Confession

Dan Rhea

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Prayer of Confession

Dan Rhea

All: Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Dan Rhea

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

****Gloria Patri***

*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***

Dan Rhea

Leader: Beloved, our sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.

All: Therefore, may we be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Dan Rhea

Leader: Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Psalms Reading Psalm 119:97-104

Dan Rhea

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Children's Sermon

Lyn Oakley

Worship - Anthem - And Can It Be?

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me!
And can it be? And can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love how can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love, And can it be? Amazing love!

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Andy Morgan

Sermon Hang In There

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith*** - Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Dan Rhea

All: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

****Hymn #390 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King, love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

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

Dan Rhea

Leader: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offertory

****Doxology***

**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 after Offering***

All: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.