

## PRELUDE

## WORD OF WELCOME

*Mr. Harry Ogden*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*All:* **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader:* Every generous act is a gift from God

*All:* **who gives birth to us through the word.**

*Leader:* Let us worship God.

## \*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Hymnal #139*

*Verse 1:* Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

*Verse 2:* Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

*Verse 3:* Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow- Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Dan Rhea*

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God’s grace never changes. Therefore, we  
come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All:* **Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to  
confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and  
widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out  
the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower  
us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in  
the name of Jesus, the Christ.**

*A period of silent reflection follows.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* Believe and be confident in the good news. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has  
gone; a new life has begun. And so I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*All:* **Great is thy faithfulness. Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

## \*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

Dan Rhea

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

**All:** And also with you.

## ANTHEM

*I Give You Praise*

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*For the splendor of the earth, for night that turns to day,  
For the thunder, loud and glorious and the lightning's grand display,  
For the vastness of the seas and the mountains, straight and tall,  
I praise You, Creator of all.*

*Praise, I give You praise! You are mighty King eternal,  
Wondrous are Your ways. You are holy, holy. I will serve  
You all my days. As long as I have breath, I'll give You praise!  
For the precious gift of Jesus who left His heav'nly home above,  
Offering us salvation, and Your glorious gift of love,  
For Your wondrous Holy Spirit bringing comfort, joy and peace,  
my song of praise to You will never cease.*

*Praise, I give You praise! You are mighty King eternal,  
Wondrous are Your ways. You are holy, holy. I will serve  
You all my days. As long as I have breath, I'll give You praise!  
And when my life on earth is over and I stand in You complete,  
In rev'ence I will worship at Your feet.*

*Praise, I give You praise! You are mighty King eternal, Wondrous are Your ways.  
You are holy, holy. I will serve You all my days.  
As long as I have breath, I'll give You praise!  
As long as I have breath, I'll give You praise! Give You praise!*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Mr. Harry Ogden

## SCRIPTURE READING

*James 1:17-27*

Mr. Harry Ogden

## SERMON

*"Remember What You Look Like"*

Mr. Harry Ogden

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*PCUSA Book of Order, F-1.01*

**All:** The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

## \*HYMN

*I Surrender All (Verses 1 & 4)*

*Hymnal #596*

*Verse 1:* All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. *Refrain*

*Verse 4:* all to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Mr. Harry Ogden*

### 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

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* Let's thank our God by giving our offerings.

### OFFERTORY

*When Thou Art Near*

*J.S. Bach/Hunter Wilburn, Violin*

### \*DOXOLOGY

**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

*Mr. Harry Ogden*

## \*HYMN

*Lift High The Cross*

*Hymnal #450*

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore His sacred name.

*Verse 1:* Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

*Verse 2:* Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

*Verse 3:* O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. *Refrain*

*Verse 4:* Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*

*Verse 5:* For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone, Creation's praises rise before Thy throne. *Refrain*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Mr. Harry Ogden*

### \*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:** The altar arrangement is given in memory of H. E. Leach (September 1, 1939 – April 25, 2024) by his loving wife, Chris and family.

**Labor Day:** Our office will be closed tomorrow, September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day

**New Church Management Software:** As part of the project to improve our organizational effectiveness, we're planning to migrate to a new church management software platform called Realm®. Ashton and Pastor Carl are leading the migration, along with support from the Finance Team. We'd appreciate additional help from anyone interested in software implementation. Please reach out to Ashton at office@fountaincitypres.org to follow up. Thanks!

**Women of Hope** will gather on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am for brunch as they celebrate the completion of their most recent study, Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lisa Terkeurst. They will begin a new study on September 10th.

**Grandma's Pajamas:** Join the Grandma's Pajamas sewing group as they kick off a new year on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 with a group lunch at Sweet Peas in Fountain City- please RSVP to Joan by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sewing will begin on Wednesday, September 11th and they would love to have some new faces to come sew, socialize or just hang out with a group of fun ladies. If you would like more information or have questions, feel free to call Pat Wyrick at (865) 254-1191 or Joan Biddle at (865) 659-3850.

**Disciple Class** returns on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with "Remember Who You Are: The Prophets and the Letters of Paul"

**Calling All Artists:** FCPC is collecting submissions of arts and crafts for our silent auction to be held at this year's Fall Festival on October 26th. All proceeds will benefit the FCPC general fund. Deadline for submissions is September 15th. See Tamara Ownby for more details.



**Youth Volunteers Needed:** Want to hang with the cool kids? Have a knack for making dinner or just eating dinner? Then come volunteer with the Youth Group! We're currently needing helping hands to make meals for Sunday evenings and hang out with our teens on Sundays. Contact Shelley Miller, Kyle Nolen, or any member of the Youth Committee for more details. Scan the QR code to sign up!

## Thank You to Those Serving In Worship

**Preacher**.....Harry Ogden  
**Liturgist**.....Dan Rhea  
**Greeters**.....Pat Lipps, Sue Wheeler  
**Ushers**.....Barbara Riehl, Cathy Forester, David & Nancy Noel  
**Music**.....FCPC Chancel Choir  
**Tech Team**.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins  
**Faithful Friends** (Children's Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb  
**Nursery**.....Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez



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Nancy Wells, *Pianist*  
Jack Thomas, *Youth Director*