

***Hymn #575 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

***Charge and Benediction (1 Peter 2:5)**

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Leader: Come to him, a living stone, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

***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	Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin
Ushers	Darlene Miller, Joe Schnorr, Linda Schnorr, Brian Cartledge
Liturgist	Diana Davis
Music	Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble
Bridge Interim	Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Announcements

The Family Promise Pasta & Bluegrass Festival will be held on August 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall located at 711 S. Northshore Drive, 37919. Tickets can be purchased from Tere McDonough (875-406-6417; ttmcdono@gmail.com) or online using the QR code on the above graphic. The event is free for children under age 5. A ticket for a 5 -12 year-old is \$10. For those over 12, a ticket is \$15. A family of 2 adults and 3 children get a rate of \$40. Participants will be able to listen to live bluegrass music, sample several tasty varieties of pasta including FCPC Youth Group's pasta, and bid on delicious desserts. This event is a significant fundraiser for Family Promise of Knoxville (FPK). Proceeds allow FPK to effectively pursue their mission to transform the lives of families experiencing homelessness...because every child deserves a home.

School Supplies! We are collecting school supplies for Fountain City Elementary, Gresham Middle School, Central High School. You can find the lists on the TV, website and near the bulletins.

Save the Date! September 17th, Centennial Homecoming. More information to come.



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Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Minute for Mission

Tere McDonough

Call to Worship (from Psalm 2)

Diana Davis

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

All: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

***Hymn #210 Praise to the Lord**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Diana Davis

Ritual of Friendship

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

Call to Confession

Diana Davis

Leader: In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

Prayer of Confession *(Based on Psalm 69:1-3; Matthew 14; Hebrews 12:1-2)* Diana Davis

All: Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks. We sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; we have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us. We are weary; our throats are parched. Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God. Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. When the storms of life swirl around us, we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us. When we hear Jesus say, "Come," we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him, especially when the way seems dangerous and challenging. Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith. Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace Diana Davis

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go,/ The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,/ For I will be with you, your troubles to bless/ And sanctify to you your deepest distress." Friends, hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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** Diana Davis

Leader: Before the foundation of the world Christ forgave us, and forgives us still today. Let us forgive as we have been forgiven and share the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination Diana Davis

Leader: How firm a foundation is laid for our faith in your excellent Word, O Lord! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our faith be strengthened that we may step out in faith and follow our Lord Jesus where he leads us. Amen.

Psalm Reading *Psalm 105:1-6* Diana Davis

Anthem *Holy Is He*

Chorus
Holy is he and great is his glory. Holy is he and worthy of our praise.
I stand in his presence amazed and crown him with worship and praise.
Holy is he, holy is he, holy is he.

Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within,
Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again,
Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray--
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, the One I praise today.[Chorus]

Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide,
Who knocks outside my broken heart till I let him inside,
Who's life deserves the honor laid before his throne--
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my all. [Chorus]

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy Merciful and mighty!
God In three persons, blessed Trinity.
Holy is He. Amen! Amen!

Gospel Reading *Matthew 14:22-23*

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Sermon *Do not be afraid*

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from A Declaration of Faith)* Diana Davis

All: We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

***Hymn** *#571 Trust And Obey (1, 2, 3, 5)*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,

But His smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.[Refrain]

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,

But our toil He doth richly repay;

Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.

Or we'll walk by His side in the way.

What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;

Never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

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 Diana Davis

Leader: In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, let us continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

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 of Dedication** Diana Davis

All: Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.