

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

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

Leader: We are the Body of Christ, his hands, his feet, his heart, his lungs; Bearing witness in this world to God's mercy and love. May the nourishment of God's Word, the accountability of Christian community, and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us for faithfulness. 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**            *Denna Grogan, Don Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb*  
**Ushers**             *Carl Snow, Cindy Snow*  
**Liturgist**           *Carl Snow*  
**Music**               *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*  
**Bridge Interim**   *Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**Announcements**

**The deadline for photos to be included in the printed version of the Church Directory is August 25th.** You can still upload photos after that but they will not be in the printed copies. If you need your photo taken or are having trouble uploading a photo please contact the office, [office@fountaincitypres.org](mailto:office@fountaincitypres.org). If you don't have a photo in the online directory by the 25<sup>th</sup> you will be a smiley face in the printed directory.

**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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>, Centennial Homecoming. More information to come.



**August 20, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**Minute for Mission**

*Don Grogan*

**Call to Worship**

*Carl Snow*

Leader: Turn us, O God,

**All: away from the world's temptations and distractions.**

Leader: Return us, O God,

**All: to the quiet calm of your presence.**

Leader: Restore us, O God,

**All: to the path you call us to follow.**

Leader: Orient us, O God,

**All: to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

**\*Hymn #572 Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Carl Snow*

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

**Call to Confession**

*Carl Snow*

Leader: Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Carl Snow*

**All: God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace** (Isaiah 43:1)

*Carl Snow*

Leader: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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**

*Carl Snow*

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. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Carl Snow*

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

**Psalm Reading Psalm 133**

*Carl Snow*

**Anthem Festive Praise**

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen.

Come, come rejoice, as you sing  
you will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.  
Sing all of the heavens, sing of the glory of God.  
Sing all of the earth rejoice! Sing of the glory, the marvelous glory of God.  
Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.

Sing a new song with the lute and the harp.  
Make melody with the sound of the lyre.  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises,  
rejoice and be glad for the Lord is our God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen.

Come, come rejoice, as you sing  
you will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.  
Sing all of the heavens, sing of the glory of God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia amen.  
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, Sing to the Lord,  
A marvelous song!

**New Testament Reading Matthew 15:21-28**

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**Sermon The dogs among us**

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Carl Snow*

**All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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.**

**\*Hymn Hymn #352 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

**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**

*Carl Snow*

Leader: God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us 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**

**All: Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.**

**\*Hymn Victory in Jesus**

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory!

Chorus

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing  
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

[Chorus]

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

[Chorus]