

****Charge and Benediction***

****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 ***Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller, Bob Davis***
Ushers ***Carl Snow, Cindy Snow, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller***
Liturgist ***Lyn Oakley***
Music ***Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble***
Minister ***Dr. Andy Morgan***

Announcements

Discipleship Bible Study begins Monday, February 27th. Please pick up your book in the coffee room after worship today.

Pat Baker, Nancy Noel's sister, passed away on Monday, February 20th in Jackson, TN. The funeral was this past weekend in Jackson with a graveside service in Knoxville at a later date.

The Mission of Fountain City Ministry Center is to help Knox County residents in need return to a more self-sustaining lifestyle. We are honored to welcome, Rev. Michelle Myers, the Administrator of Fountain City Ministry Center for a minute for mission today.

Andy Morgan



**First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Minute for Mission – Fountain City Ministry Center

Michelle Myers

Call to Worship

Leader: From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

All: That was the bread from heaven and we hunger for it.

Leader: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

All: Christ is the Bread of Life, nourishing our souls.

Leader: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

All: Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God does for us. AMEN.

Prayer of the Day

Andy Morgan

Leader: Lord, whether we have come to you from long ago, or have just come to you now, you reach out with love and blessing for each one of us. As we gather for worship this hour, help us remember your mercy and your love that feed us

****Hymn #11 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Thus says the Lord: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lyn Oakley

All: Sustaining God, You meet our needs and feed us with good things that nourish our souls, yet we continually look to other things to feed our need for more. Rather than being satisfied by your grace, we spend our time and money proving that we are good enough. Rather than being full on your love, we are fed a continual diet of anger and polarization. Rather than recognizing the goodness of your forgiveness, we swallow guilt and shame. Even as we sit at your bountiful table, we are hungry because we have neglected your good gifts. Help us to recognize that you meet our needs with good things that will never leave us wanting. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Do you not know? It is Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life! Come to him and feed on his love for you. Find healing in his presence. Know that this is given freely for you, out of his great love. 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***

Lyn Oakley

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love my sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Baptism of Tyson Babelay

Hymn #426 Blest Be The Ties That Bind

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Prayer of Illumination

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Reading - Exodus 16:1-16

Lyn Oakley

Psalms Reading - Psalm 78:22-30

Lyn Oakley

Anthem - The Majesty And Glory Of Your Name

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea. Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, And so would we. And so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading - Mark 6:30-44

Andy Morgan

Sermon - It Is What It Is

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed***

Lyn Oakley

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lyn Oakley

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

Invitation to the Offering

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Siblings in faith, God's ancient, steadfast love nourishes our soul. God's love comes seeking us in our spiritual hunger pangs, and gives us the gift of Jesus, so that we might have life abundant and be satisfied. Our giving this morning, expresses our firm conviction that God provides for, no matter what. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

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***

Lyn Oakley

All: God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. Amen.

****Hymn of Sending - #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

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:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]