

**Greeters** Sue Wheeler  
**Ushers** Barbara Riehl, Nancy Noel, David Noel  
**Liturgist** Carl Snow  
**Music** Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble  
**Interim Pastor** Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

### Announcements

**Children's Worship begins today!** Age 5 through Middle School students are invited to join. Kids who wish to participate will be invited to walk to the back of the sanctuary following the anthem. Children's worship will be an interactive session with songs, video lessons, scripture reading, games and discussion. We will return to the sanctuary before communion or during the last hymn. If you would like to volunteer to help with Children's Worship please reach out to Susan Espiritu or April Lamb. All lessons will be planned out and provided.

**Second Friday Presbyterians** will meet at the Local Smokey, Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm! We hope you will join us! Please contact Joe Ben Wilson or Casey Taylor if you have any questions.

**Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** FCPC Youth will serve a meal in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Donations will enable FCPC Youth to continue their mission of feeding formerly homeless people at Volunteer Ministry Center's (VMC's) Minvilla Apartments. Your generous support has sustained this mission for 35 years. Please join us for a delicious meal, which will include the same pasta and banana pudding the Youth prepare and serve on the second Sunday of every month at Minvilla. Gluten free/vegetarian pasta will also be available.

**Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Lunch Bunch** is headed to El Chico's Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan to meet at the restaurant at 11am. Please let Susan Espiritu know if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome!

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for February 18th following worship.



February 4, 2024

### Prelude

### Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

### Call to Worship

Carl Snow

Leader: Rejoice out loud to God, our strength,

**People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD always,

**People: Praise the Holy One of Israel!**

### \*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

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: Psalm 71 says, "Deliver me and rescue me by Your righteousness; lean Your ear toward me and save me!"  
Let us confess our sins to God and receive His righteousness in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

**All: Holy God, can we say we loved you last week with all our heart, soul, mind and strength when we let preoccupations and questions and confusion come between our hearts and Yours? Or how can we claim to have loved our neighbors like You commanded when we let opinions and prejudices and unforgiveness separate us from each other? The breakdowns cause hurt in all kinds of ways, and this is not how Your Kingdom is supposed to work. Forgive us, and heal our blindness that obscures Your love, wash the grudges that stain our minds, and fill us with Your truth, Your peace, Your compassion, Your love, for we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, AMEN.**

(Time for Silent Confession)

**Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace**

Leader: Psalm 70 says, "Let those who love Your saving help say again and again: 'God is great!'"

Carl Snow

**\*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**

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

**All: And also with you**

Carl Snow

**Anthem Shepherd Me, O God; Marty Haugen**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.  
God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life. Amen!

*Children age 5 through middle school are invited to Children's Worship, please meet the adult volunteers in the back of the sanctuary. (Parents, your child will return for communion today)*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-6**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**Sermon Pardon me, your religion is showing**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**\*Hymn #483 The Savior is Waiting**

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart- Why don't you let Him come in?  
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart- What is your answer to Him?

[Refrain]

Time after time He has waited before, And now He is waiting again  
To see if you are willing To open the door- Oh, how He wants to come in.

If you'll take one step Toward the Savior, my friend, You'll find His arms open wide.  
Receive Him, and all of your darkness will end; Within your heart He'll abide.[Refrain]

**\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**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.**

**The Invitation**

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**Serving of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer after Communion & The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**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**

Leader: Let's worship God with 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**

**\*Hymn #597 Take My Life and Let It Be (verses 1, 4 & 5)**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**\*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**