

****Prayer of Dedication***

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

****Hymn #589 - Here I Am, Lord***

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them – whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them – whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them – whom shall I send?
[Refrain]

****Charge***

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Leader: Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the testimony of Jesus Christ has been strengthened in us today. Let us bear that witness into the world, inviting all to come and see what God is doing, and to come experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

****Benediction***

Andy Morgan

****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 Carl Snow, Cindy Snow
Ushers Don Grogan, Denna Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb
Liturgist Lyn Oakley
Music Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, Carolyn Gahan
Minister Dr. Andy Morgan**

Announcements

Save the Date! Celebrate 100 years as a Congregation

Join us at John Knox Center April 28-30 as we continue to celebrate our 100 years as a congregation, we will gather at John Knox Center during the weekend of **April 28-30!** Click the link in the Weekly Word or the Newsletter tab on the website for more info.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God, in honor and loving memory of John Davis upon his birthday. The flowers were given by Diana Davis.



January 15, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Minute for Mission

Carolyn Hansen, Compassion Coalition

Call to Worship (based on John 1)

Lyn Oakley

Leader: To all searching for grace and truth,

All: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

All: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for abundant life,

All: Come and see!

Leader: Let us worship God together.

****Hymn #391 - There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit***

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." [Refrain]

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 (Based on Isaiah 49 and Psalm 40)

Lyn Oakley

Leader: God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. God inclines towards us and hears our cry. Assured of God's grace and steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God,

We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us...

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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***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: 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!

Lyn Oakley

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

*Elders for the class of 2026: Carl Snow, April Lamb, Brett Miller, Paula Rhea & Trayce Robertson
Clerk: Dan Rhea*

Andy Morgan

Prayer of Illumination

All: God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, invite us into your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 49: 1-7

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Psalm Reading - Psalm 40:1-11

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Special Music – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Carolyn Gahan

Gospel Reading - John 1:29-42

Andy Morgan

Sermon - Pay Attention. Be Astonished. Tell About It.

Andy Morgan

***Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)**

Andy Morgan

**All: 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.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

***Hymn #56 To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

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: Our generous giving is a witness to God's abundance against a worldview of scarcity. These gifts point to and enable the ongoing work of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

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**