

****Charge and Benediction***

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Leader: Now, let us go forth from this place and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us go forth to feed the hungry, offer a cup of cold water to the thirsty, and tend to those in need. Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. And as we go: May the grace of Christ surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the company of the Holy Spirit uplift us, all along our journey home. 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 ***Diana Davis, Sue Wheeler***
Ushers ***Barbara Riehl, Nancy Noel, David Noel***
Liturgist ***Carl Snow***
Music ***Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble***
Bridge Interim ***Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins***

Announcements

Church Office Closed July 3rd and 4th for the holiday.

Swing Time in the Summer, July 15th 5-7pm on the church lawn. There will be free food, live music from the Ensemble Swing Time Band, fellowship and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket! We will be collecting canned goods, peanut butter, cereal and school supplies for the Fountain City Ministry Center.



FOUNTAIN CITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
1923-2023

**Communion Sunday
July 2, 2023**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Centennial Moment

Don Grogan

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord!

All: Our God has dealt bountifully with us.

Leader: The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

All: In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Leader: Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

All: And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation!

Carl Snow

****Hymn #401 The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation, by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Ritual of Friendship

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

Carl Snow

Call to Confession

Carl Snow

Leader: God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into instruments of righteousness. Trusting that grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of our world

Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

All: O God our Provider, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Carl Snow

Leader: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls. In 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: In Jesus Christ, we know God's forgiveness and peace. Let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Carl Snow

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these words of Scripture, that they may reveal to us your eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalms Reading Psalm 89:1-2, 15-18

Carl Snow

Anthem America!

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years;
thine alabaster cities gleam, America! America!
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
From sea to shining sea.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Sermon Welcoming

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****Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith***

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

****Hymn of Preparation #461 In Remembrance***

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine,
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me, open the door And let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,
That this is My body and precious blood Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, But in your heart, look in your heart,
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Communion

Prayer after Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Call for Offering

Carl Snow

Leader: God has provided for all we need — and more. Let us return these gifts to God, so that we might provide for one another and all who are in need. Let us receive the morning offering.

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***

Carl Snow

All: Giving God, we return to you the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labor, that they may be used for your glory. Bless these gifts, those who give them, and those who will receive them. May our whole lives be an offering before you. Amen.

****Hymn #667 Lord, Speak To Me***

Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of your tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children, lost and lone.
Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart.
And wing my words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.