

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Leader: God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us. As we leave this house of worship may the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. 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** *Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller*
- Ushers** *Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller*
- Liturgist** *Carl Snow*
- Music** *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
- Bridge Interim** *Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Diana Davis in memory of her beloved husband, John Davis on the first anniversary of his passing.

Announcements

Swing Time In The Summer Mark your Calendars for this Centennial Celebration, July 15th from 5 to 7pm on the church lawn. There will be a Swing Time Band, FREE food and fun for all! We will be collecting donations of canned goods, peanut butter, cereal and school supplies for the Fountain City Ministry Center.

Nursery Volunteers Needed - If you are able to help in the nursery in July please email Mac Holland (bhollan3@gmail.com) or office@fountaincitypres.org.



June 25, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Minute for Mission

Linda Sullivan

Call to Worship

Leader: God who made the universe, the heavens and earth, is still creating, now.

All: Jesus the Messiah, born as one of us, who died as one of us, lives in us, now.

Leader: The Holy Spirit, moving over the waters of creation, moves in us, now.

All: Come, worship God, knowing God's presence is with us, now.

Carl Snow

***Hymn #690 He Leadeth Me**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. 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: Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

All: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Carl Snow

Leader: Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it. The peace of Christ to you!

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Carl Snow

Leader: Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Psalms Reading Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Carl Snow

Anthem Shepherd Me, O God

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!

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

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Sermon No Peace but a Sword

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****Affirmation of Faith (from Book of Common Worship)***

Carl Snow

All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

****Hymn #684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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 (Hebrews 13:16)

Carl Snow

Leader: Do good and share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Leader: Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

****Hymn #734 Be Strong In The Lord***

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
victory is sure when you call on his name.

Refrain:

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
and be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
and rejoice for the victory is yours.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
and place your defense in his unfailing care.
Trust him for He will be with you in battle,
lighting your path to avoid every snare.

[Refrain]

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle for the victory is always His;
He will protect you wherever you go.

[Refrain]