

****Charge and Benediction***

Andy Morgan

Leader: Go out to share the good news with a world bent low from fear and suffering, a world that believe that the best days are in the past, God's love never changes. May God's mighty deeds in our past inspire our faith as we move into an unknown future, certain only of God's presence and love.

****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 ***Monty Montgomery, Sue Wheeler***
Ushers ***Barbara Riehl, Bob Davis***
Liturgist ***Diana Davis***
Music ***Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble***
Minister ***Dr. Andy Morgan***

Announcements

FCPC Merch is here! For those who ordered from GOTEEZ, your orders may be picked up in the Greeting Room with Robin Rohwer after Worship on Sunday.

Lunch Bunch Thursday, March 16 at Olive Garden on Kingston Pike. Please sign up through the office. We will meet in parking lot at 11:00am to ride the bus over together.

Congregational Meeting, March 12 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will present and approve the annual budget as well as Pastor Andy's terms of call. We will also hear updates from our standing committees and our ministry goals for the year.

On March 12th, former Music Director, Bill Phiefer, will conduct the choir and be honored in worship. There will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments after worship.



**Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Diana Davis

Leader: Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love.

All: The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.

Leader: Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

All: The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.

Leader: Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

All: Let us rejoice, and worship the Lord our God.

****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.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

**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]**

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

Diana Davis

Leader: Leader: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Diana Davis

All: You seek and seek and seek, including those we write off as beyond hope: the outcasts, the public sinners, the self-serving, those who collaborate with evil and oppression. Why are we surprised? You desire mercy not sacrifice. You are the Great Physician coming to those most in need of healing. Forgive us. Forgive us for forgetting who you are. Forgive us for forgetting our own sin and isolation and collaboration. Forgive us for judging. Forgive our self-righteousness. Forgive us for limiting you when we are so desperately in need of you. We are “those most in need” as well. Create in us clean hearts and renew your Holy Spirit within us.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Diana Davis

Leader: The God of mercy desires the well-being of all people and creatures.

All: The God of Abraham and Sarah, of the prophets, of Paul and Mary Magdalene, gives life and makes new what is old.

Leader: In the name of the God who raised Jesus from the dead, your sins are forgiven. Walk in the way of faith, and live in peace!

****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***

Diana Davis

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!

Prayer of Illumination

Diana Davis

All: Your Word is powerful, O God and can transform the hearts of your people. Speak to us today. Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word, and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Hosea 6:1-6

Diana Davis

Psalms Reading Psalm 103:1-13, 22

Diana Davis

Anthem In the Garden

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13

Andy Morgan

Sermon - Have a Seat

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****Affirmation of Faith - From the Confession of 1967***

Diana Davis

All: The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

****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 and 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

Call for the Offering

Diana Davis

Leader: All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. Every time we perceive our abundance and give out of it, we engage in an act of resistance against the forces of scarcity, cynicism, and hopelessness about the possibilities for the world around us. Let us resist, give, and participate in God’s transformation of us and our world.

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 Commitment***

Diana Davis

All: We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.

Hymn #237 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**