
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



Christ Washing the Feet of St. Peter
Sadao Watanabe, 1963

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.

– Fred Rogers

*** SING GLORY TO GOD**

Sing we to our God a-bove,___ Al - le - lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal
as God's love,___ Al - le - lu - ia! Praise our God ye heav'n-ly host,
Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther,___ Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. ___ Al - le - lu - ia!

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung twice)

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;

TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997
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OPEN THE EYES
Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

TRANSFORMED BY LOVE

James Sledge

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 699**

Fill My Cup

*** RESPONSE OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tom-Erik Bowen

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council) or other members of the congregation.

Prayer Concerns

The family of Nick Snow, a longtime FCPC Saturday Bible Study group member, Knox Presbyterian member (and pancake breakfast chef), and great friend, who passed after a battle with cancer. Nick was a journalist, covering all things related to the Energy Sector, a loving husband and father, and a great singer. He also read many scripture passages out of the King James Bible with flair. We celebrate his life, gifts, and friendship.

The Bisbee family on the death of Donna Bisbee on May 3

Ken Waugh, in rehab following a recent hospitalization

Sarah Barth, in treatment for cancer

The war in Ukraine and all those affected by it

Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Allan Capon, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Elina Kent, Nora Long, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret, Christa Young

A Note of Thanks from Marissa Brown, friend of Myra Bridgforth

“I want to give the members of your congregation my heartfelt thanks for their prayers and support of Disability Rights International’s fact-finding trip to Ukraine. Not only were we able to complete our work successfully, safely, and in good health, we have been able to generate a consensus for moving forward.”

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor James at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM with alleluias

(alternate harmonization, 10)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

* OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Wendy Stevens (contemporary)

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Tom-Erik Bowen
Ushers	Chuck Hobbie, Young Hobbie
Music	Chancel Choir; Wendy Hellmann, piano
Audio/Video	Andrew Jonas

Thank you to Wendy Hellmann for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4 in Room 201**. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. For children **4 years of age and older**, Godly Play is offered in Room 204 following the passing of the peace.

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