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Worship, October 23, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Centering Music**

+Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: **a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.**

L: This is the time God has given us:

P: **a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.**

L: This is the life to which God calls us:

P: **a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.**

L: Righteous and gracious Lord, you reveal to us the way of goodness and life. Teach us humility that we may trust in your power, and not our own, and make us ever grateful; in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

+Hymn #554 *Let All Things Now Living*

Call to Confession

L: When we pray to God, do we do so with pride in what wonderful people we are, or with that humble hope which recognizes how we have not lived as God's children, and how we need God's forgiveness and grace in our lives? Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

Prayer of Confession

P: **Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.**

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector—humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Moment of silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

P: Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise #576 *Gloria, Gloria (x2)*

Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, that we might hear your word so that your wisdom will draw us closer to you. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #426 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)*

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14 9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." 13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Sermon

Who Do You Trust?

Lee Sanders

Responding to the Word

Statement of Faith (by Ann Weems) **We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me. We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community. We believe the Holy Spirit works through balloons and ministers, daisies and wiggly children, clanging cymbals and silence, choris and banners, faith and doubt, tears and**

laughter, words and listening, holding and letting go, thank you and help me, accepting and caring, through you and through me through Love.

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and life-styles are crossed. We believe in praising God for Life. We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people. We believe in dreams and visions. We believe in old people running and children leading. We believe in the Kingdom of God within us. We believe in Love.

Offering Prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

P: and of your own we give you.

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Taking the Word into the World

+Song #526 *For All the Saints*

+Charge and Benediction

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Scriptures for Sunday, October 30

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Psalms 119:137–144

2 Thess. 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy

Ruth Roeber

The McDermott family

Johanna Willis

The Kleier family

Jean Jennings' family

Emilee Walden

Kelly Montana

Lynda Jaeger

Kittie Dupps

Ron Carlin

Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Save the Date: October 25-26 – CLASP Carrabba's Fall FUNd-Raisier

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25-26, Carrabba's restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd-raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant that day, Carrabba's will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Both dine-in and carryout meals will qualify for a donation. Coupons are available at church, on the Community of Faith website, and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cofnky>).

Say Hello to Music Director Jie Fang Goh!

Jie Fang Goh was recently hired by Community of Faith, because of his outstanding talent and experience. Fang (pronounced Fong) hails from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has two undergraduate degrees and two master's degrees in musicology and collaborative piano from US colleges and major universities. He's now working on an Advanced Degree in Opera Coaching at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM). He has been involved as a collaborative pianist, director, coach, accompanist, videographer, and graphic designer in places as diverse as Waco, TX, College Park, MD, Aspen, CO, Vienna, Austria, in France, and in Hong Kong. Interestingly, his master's thesis was entitled: *Billy Joel's Turn and Return to Classical Music: Fantasies and Delusions*.

In church music, Fang has worked as a:

- Contemporary Music Director and Pianist at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Music director and pianist at the Mowatt United Methodist Church
- Church pianist for the Bosqueville United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and
- Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Waco, Texas

He currently works as the pianist for Crescent Springs Presbyterian (upstairs), and as a graduate assistant at CCM. Say "hello" to Fang over the next few Sundays.

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Stewardship Season is Here

This year's stewardship theme is: Growing in Faith Through Active Stewardship. The season runs until "Commitment Sunday" on November 6. We will have "Minutes for Mission" during worship in October.

Bill Lindsay will do a brief budget presentation and Q&A after church on October 30. This will not be an official "called meeting" of the congregation, but an informational meeting. Remember, that it is Presbyterian policy that the Session approves the budget, and the congregation approves the pastor's "terms of call" (salary plus benefits) in January. Commitment Sunday, when we ask that you submit your Estimates of Giving, will be on November 6.

Does COF need your contributions, during the rest of this year, and throughout next year? Of course it does. We've experienced some significant income gains in 2021 through sale of the church property. However, the more important question is: Do YOU realize YOUR burning need to give of your time, and talents as a sign of your love and gratitude toward God for God's gifts of grace, peace, and forgiveness to you? If not, the Stewardship team challenges you to seriously consider a change in your thinking, and to shift from: How much does the church need my contribution in order to pay its expenses? TO: How much do I need to contribute in time and talent, not JUST "treasure," in order to GROW IN FAITH and show God how much I love God, and how grateful I am for my life, my gifts and talents, and God's everyday GRACE?