



June 4, 2023, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Bold type--everyone reads

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Let us remember what our God has done!

P: God created the world out of a formless void.

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P: God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

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P: God created people in the image of God.

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P: God has made us caretakers of the earth.

L: Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

Let us pray: **From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth**

from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works,

all around us. May your creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds today

as we worship you and, always, as we strive to live in obedience to your will. In the name of

Christ we pray. Amen.

+Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty #1*

Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it offers us a new beginning. In the prayer of confession, we lay our cards on the table. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again.

So together, with God's grace, let us wipe the slate clean. Together, with God's grace, let us pray the prayer of confession:*

We confess this day, O merciful God, that we have not always acted in just ways nor sought justice for our friends and neighbors. We have found it easy to turn our backs on problems rather than seeking to be a solution to them. We have heard of the many ways in which you have demonstrated peace with justice through the ministries of your Son, yet we have given only sporadic attention to them. Forgive us, Lord. Heal our selfishness and brokenness.

Cause us to be witnesses to your great love as shown to us in Jesus Christ. (*Moment of silent prayer*)

Friends, Sometimes it is hard to believe, but God believes in us. God believes in us so much that we were made in God's image, given a sacred charge to care for the earth, and then, God sent the Only Son to us, so that we might know life eternal. Go into the world knowing that whatever your doubts, God believes in you, God trusts in you, and God knows you will do great things in God's name.

Amen.**

Response of Praise *Spirit of the Living God #288*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Passing of the Peace

L: Grace comes to each of us through the Father, Son and Spirit, who love us and teach us how to live. May the grace and peace of the Trinitarian God be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem**Hearing the Word****Prayer for Illumination**

Help us find our quiet center, O God, that we may hear you speaking to us and feel your presence within and among us. Amen.

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission 298*

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20 ¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon**Responding to the Word****Affirmation of Faith**

The Way we follow is the way of humanity and divinity coming together in Christ, to give us a framework for living in community with others. We believe that God's love is available to all; that Jesus' life shows us a road to follow; and that the Spirit is with us, guiding and directing us on that road.

Offering Prayer

Giver of all good gifts, accept our offerings of money, time and talents that we give in response to your generosity to us. Guide us in the way we share our resources and in the way we use the offerings, for the benefit of our community and the world. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**Joys and Concerns****Invitation to the Table**

Imagine a table large enough for us all to sit at. Then imagine the size of that table multiplied millions of times. That is what the table of the Lord looks like—a miraculous table at which we all sit together

and we all get to sit next to Jesus. Imagine Jesus passing the bread around, imagine Jesus serving you the wine. Just imagine what that would be like!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord— we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

All sing: Holy, holy holy, is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Thank you, Lord— we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh, light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come— come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup, in your people, one in the body, one in the blood; one with Christ, one in ministry, in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come; and even as we pray in your name: ***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.***

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! #305*

+Charge and Benediction

**Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.*

***Prayers from the Rev. Wendi Welton-Mitchell at Rev-o-lution.org*

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Scriptures for Sunday, June 11

Genesis 12:1–9
Psalm 33:1–12
Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

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
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in-person services 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.

Liturgists Needed

Liturgists are needed to help lead worship. Please sign up on the sheet located on the welcome table. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11. We will be having a lunch meeting after church to discuss the way forward for COF as Rev. Sharon prepares to leave. A guest from the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry will be with us to facilitate the discussion and answer questions. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Treasurer Position Opening

The COF session is looking for a new Treasurer. The position of Treasurer is required by the Book of Order, and entails working with our accounting firm to pay bills, manage pledges and offerings, and report to session and the congregation regarding the finances of the congregation. Training will be provided. For further questions or a job description, please contact Rev. Sharon.