



**Community of Faith
Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Toll free conference call number (844) 855-4444, access code 654132#
Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

Regular type, leader reads; **Bold type, all read**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

P: We are the People of God!

L: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

P: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

L: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

P: We are One in God's Spirit!

L: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

P: For we are the people of Redemption!

L: The Lord gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

P: Come, let us worship our God

Prayer

+Hymn *Bring Many Names #760*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

We dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession

God who is faithful and just, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth you have placed in our care; help us to unite in love and concern for one another, our local community, and with brothers and sisters in all the world.

(Moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The mercy of the Lord

Is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

We are forgiven!

P:Thanks be to God!

L: Be at peace

Amen.

Response *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me 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.

The Peace

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Scripture Psalm 25 1-9 Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance of David.

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

Hymn *Spirit of Gentleness #291*

Scripture **Gospel Matthew 21:23-32**

23When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
24Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" 26But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Sermon Rev. Trent Holden

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace...With believers in every time and place, we

rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering Prayer

L: In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us pray:

P: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need. Help us to use our gifts of money, time and talents to shape the world in your image. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus (all): *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

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

Holy is the Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *What is This Place #404*

Blessing and Charge

+Stand as you are able

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Scriptures for Sunday, Oct. 8

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b–14
Matthew 21:33–46

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
The Kleier family
Jean Jennings' family
Emille 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!

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.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Our Peace and Social Witness Offering is one of the four PCUSA offerings that we contribute to each year. Our world needs peacemaking and peacemakers, now, more than ever. The offering is generally received on World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate on October 1. This is a call for contributions, beginning this Sunday and ending on October 1, that will be sent to PCUSA, soon. The PCUSA states the purpose of this offering as: "The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world." 25% of your offering will be designated by COF for use to address local peace and justice issues in our community. Please give generously to this cause.