



**Community of Faith
Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 22, 2023**

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

Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements
Moment for Stewardship
Lighting of the Christ Candle
Centering Music**

+Call to Worship

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

P: And all creation proclaims with us your handiwork, oh God.

L: Oh God, our offering of praise is to you alone. We are here to worship the Lord of our salvation. Let your spirit fall on us now, in this place. In Jesus' name, Amen!

P: In Jesus' name, Amen!

+Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32*

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 silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

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 of Praise *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show #33*

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

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23

12Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." 14He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

17The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." 19And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." 21And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; 22and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Anthem

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we

had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Sermon Rev. Trent Holden

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

L: The Lord has shown us what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

P: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. This we believe.

L: Jesus says: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P: Amen!

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) (D) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F (Em) (D)
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 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #837*

+Charge and Benediction

***Toll free conference call number (605) 313-5521, access code 1204749#
(Cell phone charges may apply)***

Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

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Scriptures for Sunday, Oct. 29

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

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.

Stewardship 2023: Growing in Faith & Serving the Underserved

The Stewardship season is underway and we will have more information in upcoming worship services, newsletter articles and announcements on how you can support COF and our surrounding community. Be sure to join us for Giving Sunday on November 5, 2023.