
God's People Gather for Worship

Combined Worship Service - August 30, 2020

II:00 AM

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Preparing for Worship

Gathering Song

"O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling.

(chorus)

O come to, the altar,
The Father's arms are open wide,
Forgiveness, was bought with,
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,
Come today there's no reason to wait,
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes a new life is born,
Jesus is calling.

(chorus)

(bridge)

Oh what a Saviour,
Isn't He wonderful,
Sing hallelujah Christ is risen,
Bow down before Him,
For He is Lord of all,
Sing hallelujah Christ is risen.

(chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Song

"Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing;
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name - I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's redeeming love
Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we
have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us
now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Sharing the Sacrament

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Sermon

"We Laughed, We Sang"
Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

(chorus)

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns!

Commissioning and Benediction



Today's Scripture

Psalm 126 NIV

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

²Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

³The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Psalm 126 The Message

¹⁻³ It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,
when GOD returned Zion's exiles.

We laughed, we sang,
we couldn't believe our good fortune.

We were the talk of the nations—
"GOD was wonderful to them!"

GOD was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.

⁴⁻⁶ And now, GOD, do it again—

bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,
So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.
