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# God's People Gather for Worship

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11:00 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)*

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## Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"Carry Me"

Pain is a forest we all get lost in  
Between the branches hope can be so hard to see  
And in the darkness we've all got questions  
We're all just trying to make sense out of suffering but  
You say I am blessed because of this  
So, I choose to believe  
As I carry this cross,  
You'll carry me

Fear is a current we all get caught in  
And in its motion faith can be so hard to find  
And we all falter 'cause we're all broken  
We're all just trying to turn the shadows into light but  
You get glory in the midst of this  
And You're walking with me  
And You say I am blessed because of this  
So, I choose to believe  
As I carry this cross,  
You'll carry me

And I know Your promises are faithful  
And God, I've seen Your goodness in my life  
And oh, I've found Your mercy is a river  
Your love is an ocean wide

You say I am blessed because of this  
You get glory in the midst of this  
And You're walking with me  
And You say I am blessed because of this  
So, I choose to believe  
As I carry this cross, as I carry this cross  
'Cause as I carry this cross, You'll carry me

Welcome and Announcements

## Declaring God's Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Song

"And Can It Be"

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

*(chorus)*

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## Celebrating the Sacrament

The Sacrament of Baptism of Ezeqiel and Elessio Sartorato

## Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Passing of the Peace and Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Focus on Missions

Raphael and Kaylee Sartorato

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-3; 11-17

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Remember What Good Ol' What's  
His Name Used to Say? pt. 2...  
*The One in Front of Us, and the  
One Behind Us... The One to Our  
Left and the One to Our Right*"  
Rev. Jeff Chadwick

### Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*(chorus)*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love  
Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with his goodness and lost in his love.

Commissioning and Benediction



## Today's Scripture

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### Colossians 3:1-3; 11-17 NIV

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Colossians 3:1-3; 11-17 The Message

<sup>1-2</sup> So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

<sup>3</sup> Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life.

<sup>11</sup> All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

<sup>12-14</sup> So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

<sup>15-17</sup> Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

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