

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 23, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence electronics.

Share a prayer by dropping a prayer card in the offering plate.

Our professionally-staffed nursery is on the first floor of the Education Building.

Prelude *Dona Nobis Pacem* Tradition arr. Ham

Trinity Chime

Call to Worship

Hymn 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Ascription of Praise (responsive; from Ps. 48: 1-2, 9-10)

Reader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

All: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Reader: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

All: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Reader: Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

All: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Reader: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

All: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

[By John Calvin, before Lecture 113 on Jeremiah, 1563]

Grant, Almighty God, that since we are prone to what is false, and wholly devoted to vanity, we may be governed by Thy Spirit, and desire no other thing than to be obedient to Thee; and as we offer ourselves to Thee, as Thy disciples, grant that having the light of Thy word shining before us, we may follow the way which Thou showest to us, and thus persevere in a right course, until we shall at length come to that blessed rest which is prepared for us in heaven, through Christ our Lord – Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (responsive; from The Heidelberg Catechism)

Question: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

Answer: **That I belong body and soul, in life and in death not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Question: How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

Answer: **Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Common Concerns

Please sign and pass the friendship booklet in your pew.
Guests: thank you for your name and contact information.

Hunger Offering

Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 4-8 go to Children's Chapel.
Please leave by the door to the left of the pulpit.

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly Will Thompson/Frederic York
Chancel Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See on the portal He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me. (Repeat)

Come home, come home.
Ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading?
Pleading for you and for me.
Why shall we linger and heed not his mercies?
Mercies for you and for me.

Think of the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home.
Ye who are weary come home.
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all Creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn TH19

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
 For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible Page 1705

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fruit in a Barren Land

Rev. Allen Thompson

Hymn 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

Benediction

Postlude

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to
 the Glory of God
 and in loving memory of Jack Buss
 by his wife, Betty
 and their children, Betsy, Paul and Jason.

WE ARE ALL MINISTERS OF GOD'S GRACE

MISSIONARIES

Les and Cindy Morgan, Bangladesh
 Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi
 Jarrett and Lu Furnish, Zambia
 David and Danielle Grotton, Chile

CONGREGATION TRUSTEES

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MODERATOR OF SESSION: The Reverend Rob Hinman

Please contact the following people for questions about

PASTORAL NEEDS

Rob Hinman, Minister

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Brian Kane, Youth Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kori Dyer and Julie Hefner, Co-Directors

11:00 MUSIC

Bethany Wolfe, Chancel Choir Director

Nora Ford, Organist

Joe Delk, Chancel Ringers Director

8:45 MUSIC

Dave Williams, Praise Band Leader

CHURCH FINANCES

Melanie Blair, Treasurer

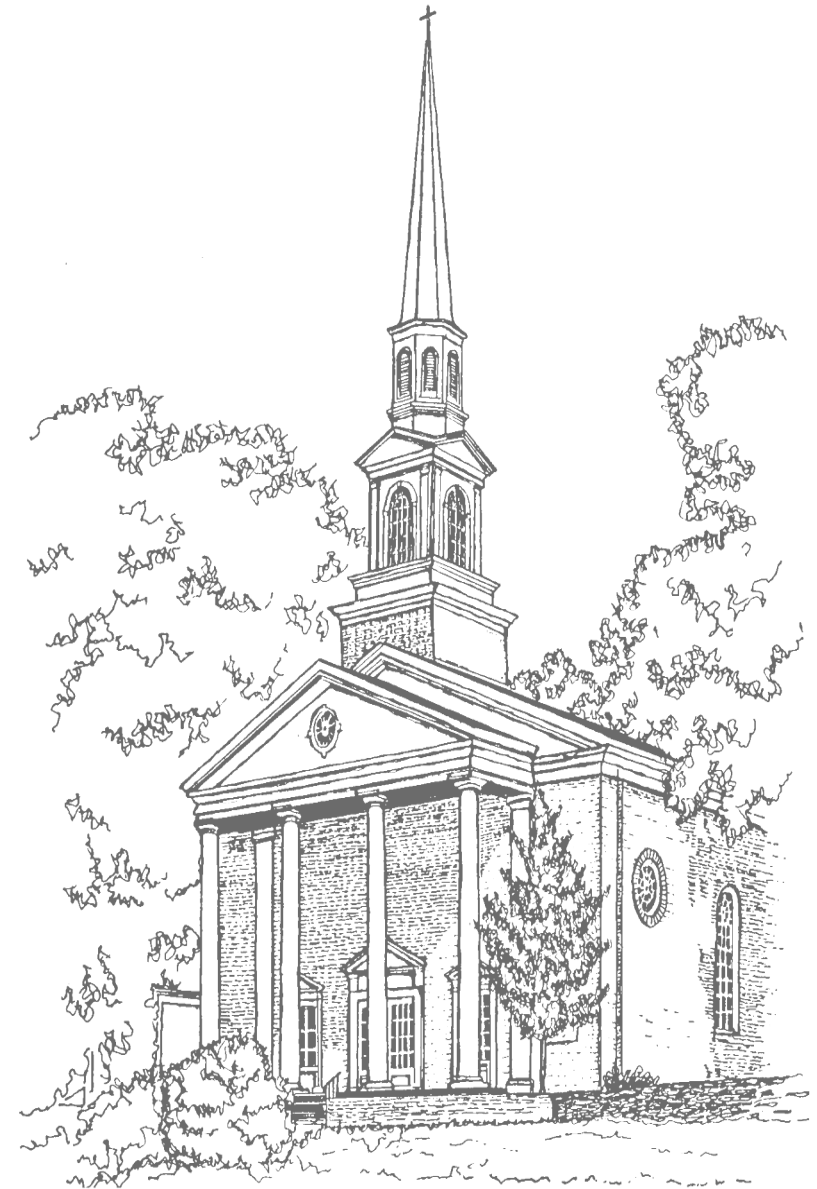
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