

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Triune God calls his church to worship him*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people*

\*HYMN

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!  
Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!  
Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Rachel Andre  
page 704, pew Bible

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's Law*

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! I do now adore him, more than all in him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

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“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Dorothy Thrupp, William Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 4:21–34

page 839, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Asking God’s Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word*

SERMON

“A Lamp, A Harvest, A Mighty Tree”  
*16th in a series on the Gospel of Mark*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

\*HYMN

“By Faith”

Keith & Kristyn Getty,  
Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.  
By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow’r of his promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

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*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*DECLARATION OF 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### INVITATION TO TABLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### SHARING OF THE SUPPER

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

### “Benediction”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within his love.

And to him be praise for his glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

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### \*BENEDICTION

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

### POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing as able*

*If you are gluten-sensitive, please ask for a gluten-free wafer when taking communion.*

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

*Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Flower Committee.*

Hearing enhancement units are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

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Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those in our congregation facing difficult circumstances.  
Contact an individual deacon directly or call the deacons' phone line at 301-320-3600, x223.

The morning worship service can be heard Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on WAVA 105.1 FM or streamed at wava.com.

*We welcome children in our worship service this evening.  
Parents attending evening worship may bring their children, age infant through Pre-K,  
to Room 110 to be cared for by childcare workers.  
As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

### MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Dashed Dreams"  
Genesis 37:2-36

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Who Then Is This?"  
Mark 4:35-41

Mr. Dave Frerichs

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
will be celebrated.*

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget           \$ 4,864,876

Year to Date Received   \$ 2,852,366

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