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# Welcome

**Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood** and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

**Info Jaws!** Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

**Bathrooms** are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

**Nursing Mothers Room** is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

**Liberti Kids** - First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.



**Nursery:** Crawling - 2 years are invited to our Nursery from the Passing of the Peace until the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance.

**2&3s:** 2 and 3 year olds are welcome in our 2&3s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Pick up at the end of the service.

**4&5s:** 4 and 5 year olds are welcome to our 4&5s class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Primary:** 1st - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary). Children will be escorted back to the sanctuary before Communion.

**Liberti Bridge:** Liberti Bridge is for 4th and 5th Graders. Bridge meets Sunday mornings 9:30-11am. Sign up for text updates by texting "Bridge25" to (609) 793-8526

**Liberti Youth:** Liberti Youth is for 6th through 12th Grades. Youth Meets Sunday evenings 6-8pm. Sign up for text updates by texting "LY2025" to (856) 329-7775

**Consistory** The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at [consistory@liberti.org](mailto:consistory@liberti.org).

# Upcoming Events

*It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 7/12

School's out, which means . . . it's time for our annual Congregational Meeting! We'll gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship on Sunday, 7/12, at 12:45pm to: (a) vote on our nominees to Consistory: Randy Hinton (Apprentice Elder); Justin Howell (Apprentice Deacon), and Abigail Capps (Interim 1 Year Deacon); (b) vote on our nominees for the Nominating Committee: Andrew Botelho (for a full term) and Maia Root (for an interim term); and (c) receive our 2026-2027 budget. Everyone is welcome to join, and In-Covenant members are especially encouraged to be present in order to vote!

## SUMMER SUPPER CLUBS, 7/18

Summer Supper Clubs are opportunities for Liberti folks to share a meal in which we'll hang, sup, and be merry. The goal for each club is to have about eight adults (and unlimited children) who will gather at a host home on a given night with no agenda other than to get to know each other a bit more. Use the QR code to sign up. Next up - **Pennsauken on 7/18.**



## SUMMER HANGOUTS, 7/18

Summer Hangouts are opportunities for Liberti folks to get together in unique and exciting locations, ranging from playgrounds to breweries to coffee shops and more! Remember, a stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet. Use the QR code for more info. Next up - **Axe and Arrow Brewery at 4pm in Glassboro on 7/18!**

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# Engage with Us

*Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.*

## CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka "Home Meetings") are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)).

## SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it's setting up, teaching a kids' lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Jim ([jjim@liberti.org](mailto:jjim@liberti.org)).

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God's grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team ([liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com](mailto:liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com)) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

## INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

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# Gathering Before God

July 12, 2026  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## REFLECTIONS

"When we are anxious, we seek out strongholds. When we cannot find a stronghold, we build one...Strongholds are humanity's oldest antidote to anxiety."

-- Mark Sayers, *Non-Anxious Presence*

"The Christian is a man who can be certain about the ultimate even when he is most uncertain about the immediate."

-- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*We have now resumed the period of "Ordinary Time" in our liturgical calendar. This season is the longest of the year and falls between other major commemorations in the life of the church. Ordinary Time reminds us that even though much of our lives are, in fact, ordinary—as it was as well for Jesus!—we yet mark these days as occurring in our Lord's world and in our Lord's time. During Ordinary Time, the cloth on our worship table is green, which symbolizes growth into Christian maturity.*

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more.

Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him, venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Come ye needy, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money,  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous,  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;

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## The Sending

### BENEDICTION

*Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.*

(2 Cor 13:14)

**People: Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God, to order and provide.  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly Friend.  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake.  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

*In You I rest, in You I find my hope.  
In You I trust, You never let me go.  
I place my life within Your hands alone.  
Be still, my soul.*

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on.  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone.  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.  
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among all peoples!*

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

*Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

*Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

**People: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations!**

(from Psalm 105)

## GREETING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

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## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

**Prayer for those Searching for Truth:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Commitment:** Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Leader: The Lord be with you*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts!*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;  
Let all who hunger come and eat.  
Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;  
Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

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## Heart Won't Stop

There is not a man or a beast  
Nothing on the land or underneath  
Oh nothing that could ever come between,  
The love you have for me.

*I could lay my head in Sheol  
I could make my bed at the bottom of the darkness deep.  
Oh, but there is not a place I could escape you.*

*Your heart won't stop, coming after me.  
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.  
Your heart won't stop, coming after me.*

There is not an angel of the stars,  
There is not a devil in the dark,  
Nothing that could change the way you are  
The love you have for me

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**O most holy, righteous, and gracious God, you are the King of all the world, and your laws are holy, just, and good. But we have denied you our due obedience, being unruly and self-willed. We have not truly placed our trust and hope in you and your word. We have not loved people as you do.**

**Instead, we have feared them and been silent when we should have spoken of you. Or we have been indifferent to them, minding our own concerns when we should have shown them the kindness of your name.**

**Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and follow your son Jesus. Let us be faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through the merits and intercession of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

## WORDS OF PARDON

*"In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight, making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."*

(Ephesians 1: 7-10)

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Table

## MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

*Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.*

*We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.*

*We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.*

*We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.*



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## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Leader: Let us say what we believe.*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
**Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**The third day He arose again from the dead.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,**  
**whence He shall come to judge the living 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 life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberti to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.*



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## The Word of God

### SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 71:1-24

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame!
- 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and save me!
- 3 Be to me a rock of refuge,  
to which I may continually come;  
you have given the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- 6 Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;  
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.
- 7 I have been as a portent to many,  
but you are my strong refuge.
- 8 My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all the day.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
forsake me not when my strength is spent.
- 10 For my enemies speak concerning me;  
those who watch for my life consult together
- 11 and say, "God has forsaken him;  
pursue and seize him,  
for there is none to deliver him."

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12 O God, be not far from me;  
O my God, make haste to help me!

13 May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;  
with scorn and disgrace may they be covered  
who seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually  
and will praise you yet more and more.

15 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.

16 With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

17 O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

18 So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation,  
your power to all those to come.

19 Your righteousness, O God,  
reaches the high heavens.  
You who have done great things,  
O God, who is like you?

20 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities  
will revive me again;  
from the depths of the earth  
you will bring me up again.

21 You will increase my greatness  
and comfort me again.

22 I will also praise you with the harp  
for your faithfulness, O my God;  
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,  
O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will shout for joy,  
when I sing praises to you;  
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

24 And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,  
for they have been put to shame and disappointed  
who sought to do me hurt.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **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 ILLUMINATION**

## **SERMON**

Speaker: Evan Curry

Title: "A Fixed Address"

Series: "Summer of Psalm"

## **SERMON NOTES:**