



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 17, 2021

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church
“KNOWING THE LOVE OF CHRIST”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout the bulletin.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Reflection

Dear friend, being the Beloved is the origin and the fulfillment of the life of the Spirit. I say this because, as soon as we catch a glimpse of this truth, we are put on a journey in search of the fullness of that truth and we will not rest until we can rest in that truth. From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make.

-Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*

Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

Welcome

Rev. Scott Jennings

Opening Song

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend



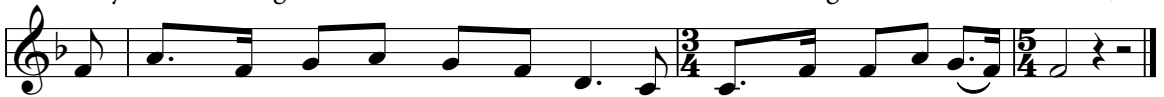
1. How deep the Fa ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders.
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom,



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and re - sur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from his re ward? I can - not give an ans - wer,



as wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fi - nished.
but this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Opening of Worship

Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

O Lord, you have searched me

All and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

from Psalm 139

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Doxology

Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley

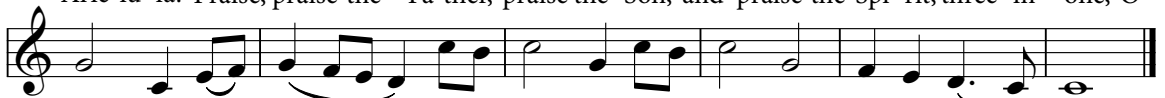


1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O__ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor- row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O

Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi- rit, three in one, O



praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him! O__ praise__him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOD SANCTIFIES US
TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

Confession of Sin

All Father, we lower our heads before you,
and we confess
that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.
Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God,
and we fall short of being a credible witness to you.
For these things we ask your forgiveness,
and we also ask for your strength.
Fill us with your fullness, and draw us close to yourself
and to those you have given us on earth.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
then bur - sting forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease!
'Til on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from his hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev' - ry sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
'til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 15:7-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

"Knowing the Love of Christ" – Rev. Scott Jennings

*Having offered
ourselves up in faith
through the creed,
affirming the power
of God's redemption,
we lift up the
church, our world,
and other needs to
God in prayer for
his provision and
healing.*

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray that the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace.
Let your kingdom come.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May all who are estranged and without hope
be brought near in the blood of Christ.
May the Church welcome and support
all whom you call to faith.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May we be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
and radical in loving,
while you stretch out your hand to save
those in danger, need, and distress.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at
this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

**All 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 and ever.
Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

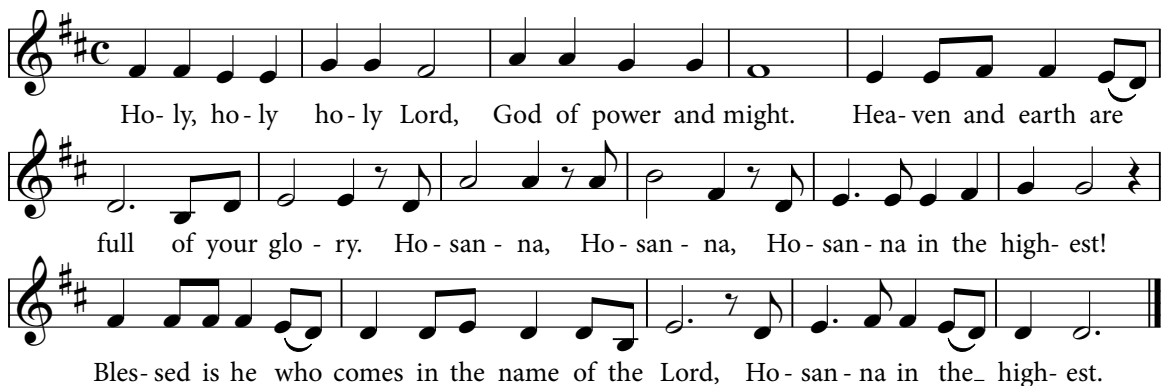
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
For by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are
full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na in the high- est!
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho- san- na in the_ high- est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Communion Song

Spirit of God, Descend

George Croly, Karl Digerness



1. Spi - rit of God, des-cend up - on my heart, wean it from earth, through
2. I ask no dream, no pro-phet ec - sta - sies; no sud-den rend - ing
3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the strug - gles
4. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All___ thine own, soul,
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an-gels love, one ho - ly pas - sion



all its pul - ses move; stoop to my weak - ness, migh - ty
of the veil of clay; no an - gel vi - sion, no___
of the soul to bear, to check the ri - sing doubt, the___
heart and strength and mind; I see thy cross_ there teach
fil - ling all my frame: the pre - sence of___ thy des -



as_ thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
o - pen - ing skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
re - bel sigh; teach me the pa - ti - ence of un - an - swered prayer.
me to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
_cen - ded dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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Prayer after Communion

All Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
by this meal, deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley, Thomas Campbell



1. And can it be that I— should gain an int' - rest in the_
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove so free, so_ in - fi -
3. Long my im - pris - oned spi - rit_ lay, fast bound in_ sin and
4. No con - de - mna - tion now I— dread; Je - sus, and all in_



sa - vior's blood? Died he for me, — who caused his pain? For me, who
nite his grace! Emp - tied him - self_ of all but love, and bled for
na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused_ a quick'n - ing ray; I woke, the
him, is mine; a - live in him, — my li - ving head, and clothed in



him to death pur - sued? A - ma - zing love! How can it_
A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my_ heart was
right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach the - ter - nal_



be, — that thou, — my God, — shouldst die — for me?
free, — for O — my God, — it found — out me.
free, — I rose, — went forth, — and fol - lowed thee.
throne — and claim — the crown, — through Christ — my own.



A - ma - zing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Benediction

May Christ make his home in you
as you find your home in his love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always

All Amen.

Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God.

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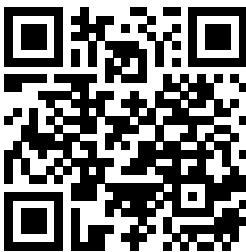
Announcements

Theology of Place Class Starts October 17 We design and occupy places to fulfill our needs. But places also influence us and shape the way we interact with our communities. Places preserve memories and emotions. They influence what we eat and how we dress. The Bible offers clear guidance on the ideal way for the Israelites to occupy their land, but what about us in our city today? How should we understand a theology of place? Join this four-session course to explore not only a biblical understanding of place but also different places in Philadelphia. This class, led by Dr. Cyndi Parker, will take place on Sundays Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and Nov. 14 at 4:00pm. Please register on our website (see Upcoming Events under Connect header).

The Art of Hard Conversation Series We are beginning a project this year to learn the art of hard conversations. How do we break out of the habit of debate to sit around a table to have productive conversations with people with whom we disagree? Our first guest is an expert who has been having interfaith conversations for four decades. Join Dr. Cyndi Parker and Rabbi Dr. Nancy Fuchs Kreimer as they discuss best practices in engaging challenging conversations. This inaugural conversation will take place Wednesday, October 20th at 7:30 pm at the Center City campus. Parking passes are available. Please register on our website (see Upcoming Events under Connect header).

Family Gathering at Bartram's Garden Resurrection families with kids of all ages are invited to Bartram's on Saturday, October 23 from 3-5 pm for fellowship, snacks, and playtime hosted by the Featherstone family.

Eagles Watch Party @ Woodland All are welcome to watch the Eagles vs Raiders on Sunday, October 24 at 4 pm at Woodland (42nd & Pine). Weather permitting, we'll be set up to view the game on the lawn.



Please provide us your feedback
as we together seek to refine our
gathered worship each week.

Musicians*Center City*

Mark Allen: saxophone

Eliza Jones: voice, keyboards

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Jaron Olevsky: keyboards

West Philly

Ross Bellenoit: guitar

Sarah Long: guitar, voice

Charlie Muench: bass

Chuck Staab: drums

Andrew Urbina: sax

Liturgist*Center City*

Lindsay Kimball

West Philly

Jennifer Cho

Scripture Reading*Center City*

Mae Trieu

West Philly

Jennifer Cho

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Currie

Help us welcome you.

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Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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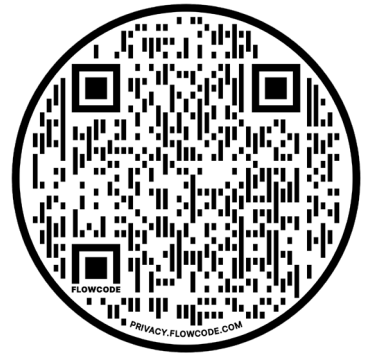
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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