

Sunday November 14, 2021

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church "THE SPIRIT-FILLED HOUSEHOLD"

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 <u>resurrectionphl.org</u> 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

To follow a crucified Messiah is to confess that those who are mighty by the standards of the world are not the ultimate insiders but are likely to be the consummate outsiders in the kingdom of God. Conversely, to be enfolded into the kingdom of the crucified Messiah is to be given the status of consummate insider, even if one was previously at the margins of society.

-J. R. Daniel Kirk, Jesus Have I Loved, but Paul?

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

Opening Song Come Down, O Love Divine Bianco of Siena, trans. Littledale; Ralph Vaughan Williams θ 1. Come down, O Love di vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and free - ly 2. 0 let it burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn to cha - ri 3. Let ho - ly ty mine out-ward ves - ture be, and the year - ning 4. And so strong, with which the soul will long, shall Θ Com-for - ter, it with thine own ar - dor glo - wing; Ο draw near, vi - sit its heat con - su - ming; and let thy glor - ious light dust and ash - es in low - li - ness be-come mine in - ner cloth - ing; true low - li - ness of heart, far out-pass the pow'r of hu-man tel - ling; for none can guess its grace, my heart ap - pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame bes - to- wing. with - in shine e - ver on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lu-ming. which takes the hum bler part, and o'er its own short com-ings weeps with loath ing. be-come the place where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwel ling. till he

Opening of Worship

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

All And also with you.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;

All he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted.

to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,

and the day of vengeance of our God;

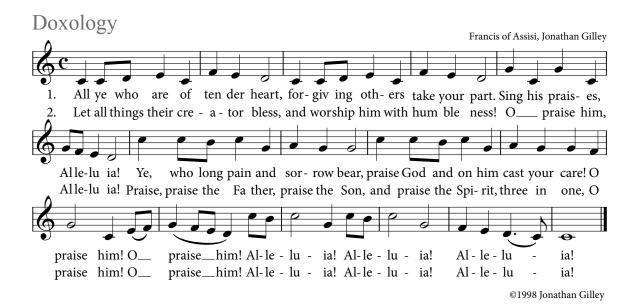
to comfort all who mourn -

to give them the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

from Isaiah 61



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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

All Gracious God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives: the beautiful and good, the hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration



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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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

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 5:21-6:9

²¹Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. ³³Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" —this is the first commandment with a promise: ³"so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." ⁴And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. ⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; ⁶not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, ⁸knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free. ⁹And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 10:35-45

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *All* Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection "The Spirit-filled Household" – Rev. Chris Currie

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.

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Draw near the suffering and hurting in our midst. Dwell closely with those who are faint of heart, to assure them of hope that cannot perish or fade. 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.

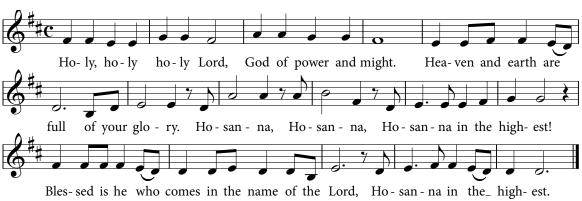
All We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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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 All the Way My Savior Leads Me



Prayer after Communion

All God of peace,

whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations. Amen.

Blessing and Sending



Benediction

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; 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.

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so at the address below or text any amount to the number 84321. resurrectionphl.org/give

Announcements

Sign Up to Help Serve Thanksgiving Breakfast We partner with Emmanuel Ministry to serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast from our Center City building. It's a cherished tradition where we serve a really hearty, home-cooked breakfast to our friends experiencing homelessness and food insecurity – many of whom may not get another meal that day. Sign up through the event link at resurrectionphl.org under connect.

Advent Wreath-Making Workshop on Sunday, November 21, 4-6 pm Adult and children of all ages are invited to join us for an advent wreath-making workshop on Sunday, November 21 from 4 to 6 pm at the Woodland Annex (42nd + Pine). \$10 fee for wreath materials. Find this event under resurrectionphl.org/advent and register so we have supplies for you.

Lessons & Carols Service will be December 12 at 5 pm Invitations Now Available! Artist Lisa Abaya designed our Lessons & Carols posters this year. You can pick up postcards in the back to help you invite friends to this annual event, which we will hold in Center City this year. (Note: in light of the Service of Lessons and Carols, there will not be morning worship services on December 12.)

The New Day Drop-In Center in Kensington, one of Resurrection's ministry partners, provides a consistent, safe, welcoming, and trauma informed environment for women exploited by the commercial sex industry. The center is currently collecting warm clothes, undergarments, and various toiletries. This Thanksgiving season, please consider donating to the New Day ministry via their wishlist, linked in the enews.

Musicians

Center City Sarah Long: guitar, voice Jessie J. Evans: bass Chuck Staab: drums

West Philly

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice Bethany Danel Brooks: piano, voice Mike Jones: trumpet Matt Scarano: drums Liturgist Center City Arlene Navarro

West Philly Kory Stamper

Scripture Reading Center City Cyndi Parker

West Philly Kory Stamper

Celebrant Rev. Scott Jennings

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Help us welcome you.

Name(s):	
Children & their ages:	
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:	
Address:	
Phone number(s):	
Email(s):	
Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer	F
Please contact me about:	
Community Groups	
Neighborhood Service Opportunities	
□ Volunteering on Sundays	
□ Children's & Youth Ministries	
Meeting with a Pastor	PRIVACY.FLOWCODE.COM
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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