Worship Spotlight

Why do we say: "The Lord be with you!" and recite scripture together?

"The Lord be with you!" is a Biblical form of blessing (Ruth 2:4; compare Judg. 6:12; Luke 1:28; John 20:19; 2 Thess. 3:16; 2 Tim. 4:22). Here the pastor prays that the Lord Jesus Christ would be present with the congregation, leading them and ministering to them throughout the service. The people reciprocate, asking the Lord to be present with their Pastor as he ministers to them. They are acknowledging that the Pastor is an ordained servant, called by God to speak God's word and administer Christ's gifts to them.

This dialogue is a wonderful recognition that both pastor and congregation can do nothing apart from Christ. It also recognizes the bond of love between pastor and people: they begin the service by praying for each other. It exemplifies the kind of "one another-ing" that is central to the Christian life.

It is traditional to have some sort of responsive scriptural prayer at this point in the service as well. "Our help is in the name of the Lord / Who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8) is the verse commonly used. At other times words are chosen that reflect the theme of the day or the season in the church year.

All responses in the service should be spoken loudly (Rev. 5:12, 6:10, 7:10, 19:1, etc.), with confidence in the Christ who has brought us near to God (Heb. 4:16).



May 8th, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-6 †Congregational Singing "Come People of the Risen King" †Responsive Scriptures In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

†Collect

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+Congregational Singing

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Psalm 139:23-24

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your

faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Fo	orgiveness
+Congregational	Singing

"Our Great God"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 19:23-30, 35-36, 40-41 John 2:13–22 The Philippian Hymn Pastor David Salyer

"Disturbance in Ephesus" Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side, or you make take the bread and cup to your seat to partake. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

We encourage words of blessing during this time: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

+Congregational Singing

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett, Miabelle Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 8th - *The Fourth Sunday of Easter* 9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- John and Terri, our missionaries in the Middle East, will be with us Sunday, May 15th, to share how the Lord is working in their church, their community, and their family. Come hear how God is drawing the nations to His Risen King! Note: Due to the sensitive nature of their assignment, we will not be streaming or recording our service that day.
- If you would be willing to provide a meal for the Parish family, please join the MealTrain here: https://mealtrain.com/d85q74
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-todate: \$64,413.68. Received 4/24: \$3,834.53. Received year-to-date: \$66,465.31.
- May Birthdays: (1) Mark Johnson, (6) Barnabas Anderson 2005, (7) Alice Bates, Jacob Hajda, Jemima Williams 2011, Lynn Salyer (8) Jim Frerichs, (11) Jerry McKean, Abel Fong 2018, (14) Kacia Hughett, (16) Arleata Bass, (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.
- ♦Presbytery: Grace Church Fremont (Pastor Kyle McClellan).
- ♦For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake, Rachael Hajda, Kristin Holl (Todd Lorenz born 2/19)

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach)(Kitchen), Anne Lano (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)
Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please speak with Pastor Dave or email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org

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