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).



August 4th, 2019

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

†Congregational Singing

#76 "O for a Thousand Tongues"

†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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Greeting

†Congregational Singing

"Christ Sits at God's Right Hand" (1,4,5,6)

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy

on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Let Us Love and Sing..." (1,2,4,5)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 34:1-4, 13-15, 18-19, 24-25, 30; 35:1-3 Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:11-14

†Gospel Reading Mark 11:12-20 †Profession of Faith Ephesians 1:3-10

Sermon Pastor David Salyer

"Defilement and Purification"

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†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 in accord with the practice of our denomination.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20).

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "The Power of the Cross"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: David and Anne Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Monday, August 5th

Session Meeting 5:00 pm

❖ No Sunday School August 4th-September 1st. Children's and adult classes will resume Sunday, September 8th.

❖ Please remember to sign the **birthday cards** on the table in the foyer. They go to the missionaries we support.

| August Birthdays: (5) Howard Bass, | Financial Report | | |
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| Lydia Hajda 2000, (6) Deb Petty, (7) | | Last Week | Year to Date |
| Peregrine Salyer 2016, (12) Jake Riley, | | | |
| (15) Amy Bates, (17) Luke Riley 2011, | Budgeted Need | \$3,461.15 | \$103,834.50 |
| (22) Nancy Larsen, (25) Amy Freitag, (26) | Received | \$3,618.54 | \$102,102.27 |
| Gary Elliott. (27) Carly Williams | | | |

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖That God would give us wisdom and boldness to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.
- ❖For our men serving in the armed forces: Joseph Barber III, Ryan Brock, Ben Elliott, and Isaiah Petty.

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