



In Memoriam - John the Baptizer

*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 14, 2024 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS

I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good.
It is very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about.

~ Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese pacifist, Christian reformer,
labor activist, evangelist (1888-1960)

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

arr. Melody Bober

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG #701 *Lord, Prepare Me*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jon McFadyen

One: Because peace is making a road for our steps,

All: We come to listen to what our God is saying.

One: Because truth is springing up from the ground,

All: We come to listen to what our God is saying.

One: Because God's salvation is very near,

All: We come to listen to what our God is saying.

Let us be glad,

For faithful love and truth have met;

Righteousness and peace have kissed.

God is in our midst!

One: Let us worship the God of life!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Life-giving God, you have created us in your image to reflect your wholeness.

You have affirmed the goodness within us,

All: but we struggle to be the people you call us to be.

One: You have given us the guidance of the Law and the wisdom of the Prophets and the gift of your Presence.

All: Still, we struggle against the pull to go our own direction without your counsel.

We fail to extend the grace and compassion you give to us.

Be merciful in your judgment

while holding us accountable for your justice

as we strive to live the fullness of life in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

God Made Them All

**All: Little one, who made the seas?
Who made the birds? Who made the bees?
Who made the sun all big and bright?
And twinkly stars to shine at night?**

God made them all.

God made them all.

Oh yes, little one, oh yes, it's true.

God made them all and God made you!

ANTHEM

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 85: 8 - 13

Mark 6: 14 - 29

One: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: **thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Stanzas 1,3)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: **Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: **Gathering God, we thank you for the gifts of life and living. We give thanks by bringing our resources to community, to be shared and used for your kin-dom, in our ministry, and for the world we inhabit. Bless and facilitate our generosity beyond our imagination. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**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. Amen.**

***HYMN #372** *O for a World*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Bagatelle No. 12

Robert Vandall

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Jon McFadyen,
Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, Rose Gifford, Janet Morrow

Thanks to: Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate // Sunday, **July 28** will be Dr. Chuck Norris' last day with us as Music Director. Under his leadership our music ministry has blossomed and flourished. Join us as we celebrate, Chuck, during coffee fellowship following worship.

Calling all past choir members and those that participated in church musicals! // Chuck would love to have you join the choir to sing a familiar song on his last **Sunday, July 28**. If your voice is weak and you haven't sung in a while, we still encourage you to join us for a group sendoff. If you are in touch with anyone that no longer attends our church, help us contact them so they can join us for this special Sunday. There are no extra rehearsals, just show up on Sunday, July 28 at 9am. *Hope to see you there!*

All are Welcome // A service celebrating the life of Marilyn Chamberlain will be held in the FPC Memorial Garden on **Tuesday, July 16**, at 1 pm. The family extends an invitation to all who would like to join them in honoring her life

Grief Support // Our monthly grief support group meets Wednesday, **July 17**, at 2pm. All are welcome to join us as we care for one another through the seasons of grief. Contact Cathy for more information.

Finance Council Minute for Mission // On **Sunday, July 21**, Dave Zessin, chair of our business council will present a mid-year financial update to the congregation.

Men's Discussion Group // After the good discussion we had on June 28 about water rights and abuse, we* found a PBS series titled, *Hope in the Water*. We will use this series for our **July 26**, August 9 & 23 and September 6 meetings. See you there. *Ross Hamlin (616) 399-0509 & Bob Gansen (269) 753-7024.

Looking for volunteers // Kids' Food Basket, one of our outreach partners, is in need of some volunteers to help with their small farm at Ridge Point Church. The tasks vary depending on what is needed that day. Work shifts are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10:30am. Individuals can sign up on their website, <https://www.kidsfoodbasket.org>. We are in the planning process for a group workday later this summer. Details to come.

You can Help // Escape Ministries continues to receive your returnable bottles and cans as a fundraiser. It's easy to deliver them to 202 E 32nd Street. The drop off area is well marked.

Save the Date // This year's annual Shrimp Boil at the Zesssins' will be held **Friday, August 2** at 6:00pm. Renowned Southern grill master, Lou Hoop will be preparing the shrimp. More details to come.

Senior Summer Picnic // Saturday, **August 3** at 12:00 the deacons invite seniors to join us for a catered picnic lunch at the Dunton Park main pavilion. Sign up by Sunday, July 21 in the narthex or via email to deacons@fpcholland.org

Peace Camp: Wild Wonder // Are you ready to explore the wild and wonderful world around you? Do you want to learn how to live in peace with the earth? Do you want to have fun, sing songs, make crafts and learn all about God's good creation? Peace Camp happens **August 5-9** from 9-11:45 each day. Campers entering K-6th and teen helpers entering 7th-12th grade are welcome! **As always, Peace Camp is totally free!** Head on over to our website homepage to register! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out: paul@fpcholland.org

Outdoor worship // **Sunday, August 11** at 10am join us for worship at the Outdoor Discovery Center pavilion. This service will be intergenerational, and all ages will be encouraged to participate! Feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair to sit in. We will have lemonade, water and cookies. You are welcome to bring your own coffee! If you wish, bring a lunch to eat after the service, walk the fully accessible trails, have fun on the playground, or visit the animals and birds of prey cared for by the ODC. A reminder that this outdoor service will not be live streamed (not available on YouTube).

Habitat Work Days // Our next workdays are **August 15** and **29**. All remaining July dates have been filled. I will provide more details as the date arrives. Questions? Contact Bill Haines, wehaines@icloud.com

Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

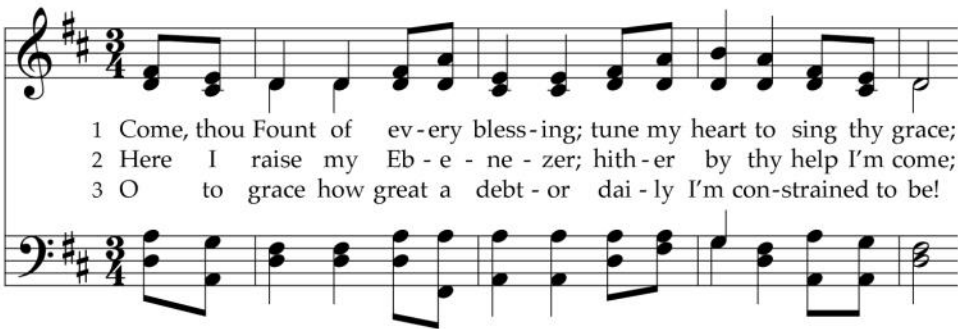
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



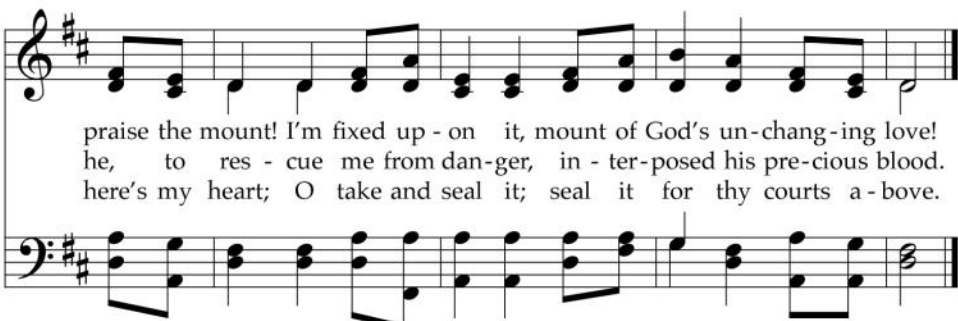
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



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Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper.

Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

ELDERS:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Summer Worship Schedule

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Adult Class - Michigan Room - main level - 11:15am - Noon

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Safety Policy.

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