



SUN 8:15 AM
NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a time of uncertainty, God calls us to gather in faith, just as Ruth chose to journey with Naomi.

We come, seeking the strength to stand by one another in love and loyalty.

As Ruth declared, "Where you go, I will go; where you stay, I will stay."

We are here to commit ourselves to God and to one another, bound by love and shared purpose.

Let us remember that God is with us in our journeys, transforming our struggles into stories of grace.

We open our hearts to the presence of the Lord, ready to embrace the journey ahead.

Come, let us worship the God who walks with us, guiding our steps in faith and hope.

Come let us worship God, Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have made our callings into puzzles we must solve in order for our lives to have meaning. We have reduced vocation to labor and forgotten what it means to be called to virtue, and even love. We have falsely made our dignity dependent on our work and fallen prey to the lie that to hear you is to be near to you. Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might be liberated into our path in its own time. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let your soul receive this rest: God remains near as you locate the path that feels right to you. Receive forgiveness and be guided into your deepest longings and beliefs as you decide how to spend your days. When self-distrust begins to eclipse your callings, let God steady you toward what is good and true and beautiful, now and forever. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ruth 1:1-18 (OT, pg. 241)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Between Despair and Hope

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of judgment and mercy ...

...we gladly sing the praise of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Generous God, as creator ...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Redeeming Lord, you made the orphan...

...ever one God, Trinity of grace. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it into the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Participants Today

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