



July 28, 2024
10th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

When Love Is Found

arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 145:10-18*

Megan Klose

ONE: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord ...

ALL: ... and all your faithful shall bless you.

ONE: The Lord upholds all who are falling ...

ALL: ...and raises up all who are bowed down.

ONE: You open your hand ...

ALL: ... satisfying the desire of every living thing.

ONE: The Lord is just and kind ...

ALL: ... the Lord is near to all who call on God.

*** GATHERING HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

** Please stand in body or spirit*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Catriona McCormack

ONE: We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we fall short of this call. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

ALL: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each staff, indicating a repeat sign.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 452 (sung twice) *Open the Eyes of My Heart*



O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart;



I want to see you; I want to see you;

TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997
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OPEN THE EYES
Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21 **Catriona McCormack**

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:14-18 **Rev. John Molina-Moore**

SERMON *Persisting* **Rev. John Molina-Moore**

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967* **Megan Klose**

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations... God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of [our lives]: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate... Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in [us] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catriona McCormack

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers ...

Winnie Harris-Zoellner on the death of her brother, Robbie Harris, on July 23,
with gratitude to Julie Kacmarcik for her friendship and care of Robbie
Myra Bridgforth, recovering from knee replacement surgery on July 22
Mary Soule on the death of her mother, Grace Soule, on July 11
Allan Capon, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Sally Storr, Ken Waugh, with
continuing health concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Catriona McCormack

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Megan Klose

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.

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OFFERTORY

Because He Lives

Sally DeFord (b. 1956)

Sue Armstrong, Theresa Brown, Linda Keefer,
Anne Kusterbeck, Anastasia Waits

*Because He lives; Because He rose in mighty triumph from the grave,
I put my trust in Him, and seek to follow Him in faith, Because He lives.
Because He lives, I shall find strength to stand against the tempter's power.
He is my refuge and defense in every troubled hour, Because He lives.*

[Chorus] *Because He lives, I can bear whatever burden may be mine.*

I am encircled in the arms of love divine because He lives.

Because He lives, He will banish every shadow of my pain.

Every sorrow will be swallowed up in Him, For in His hand is healing for the weary soul.

This I know because He lives.

Because He lives: My heart is filled with peace amid a world of fear.

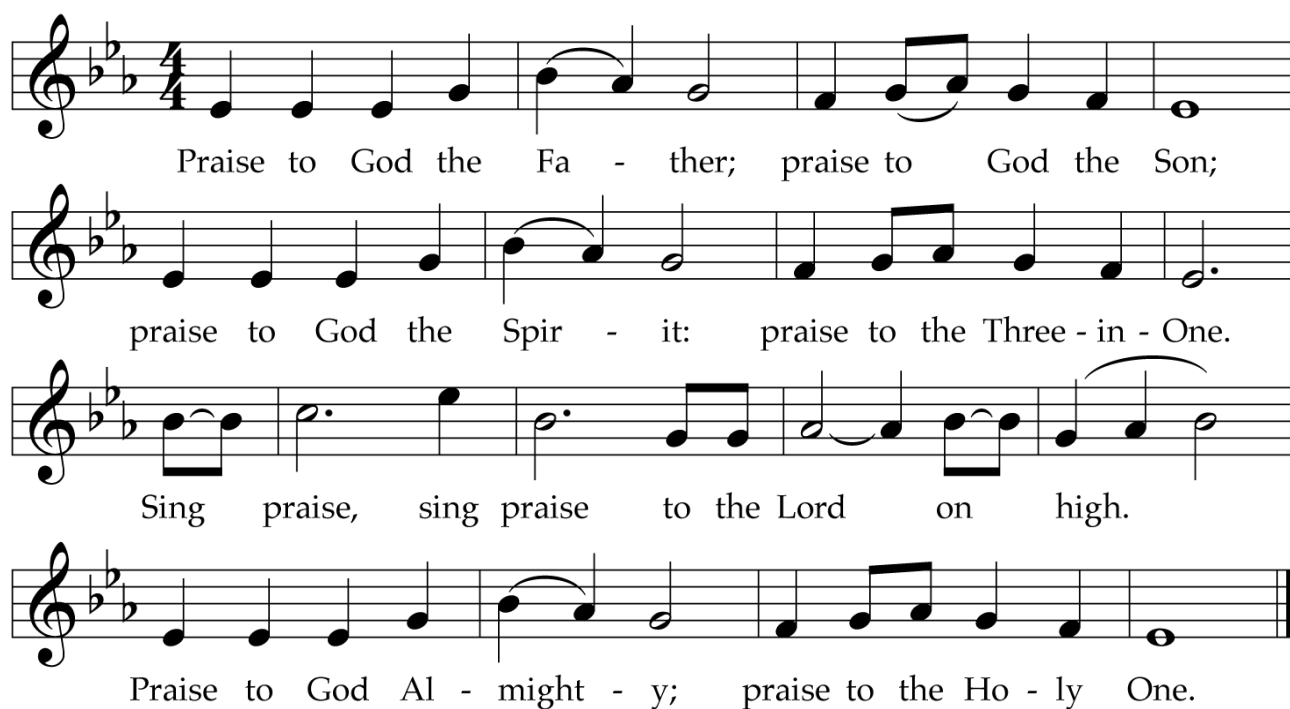
And through the blindness of the night, In Him I rest secure, Because He lives.

Because He lives, There is no task so great that I cannot endure.

I bear no heartache that His tender mercy cannot cure, Because He lives. [Chorus]

*** DOXOLOGY 605**

Praise to God the Father



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - mighty - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
Irregular

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 742** (sung twice)

We Will Walk with God

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. John Molina-Moore

POSTLUDE

Morning Song

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Catriona McCormack
Ushers	Jack Sarver, Marnie Sarver
Audio/Video	Alex Hess
Closing Sexton	Marnie Sarver
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given by Ethel Leslie to the glory of God and in honor of Ethel's parents, Jim and Louisa Leslie, on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Today's Guest Preacher

The Rev. John Molina-Moore was called as the General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, May 2019. As General Presbyter he serves our congregations and ministries through faithful and innovative leadership in developing a unified and shared vision for the Presbytery. He works closely with pastors and congregations in times of transition and discernment as they listen to God's calling on where to go next.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to the pastor as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

The Kids' Corner in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship.

Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this service. Godly Play, for children ages 4 and up, is on summer break and will resume Sept. 8.

Announcement from the PNC and Session

Please remain in your pew after worship has ended for an important announcement from the Pastor Nominating Committee and Session regarding the pastor search.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Did You Know?

From Buildings & Grounds: Jane Ives gets in “Good Trouble”

Did you know that the spirit of “good trouble” was alive and well at FCPC in the late 1800s? According to Melvin B. Stedman Jr. in his book *Falls Church by Fence and Fireside*, J.D. Brash, a former Confederate soldier, owned a saloon on Broad Street, opposite where Brown’s Hardware is today. Mrs. Jane (Auchmoody) Ives, a member of FCPC, and a group of her lady friends considered this enterprise to be an embarrassment to the community and met at the entrance every afternoon and evening singing “hymns of praise and supplication,” reading scripture, and saying prayers. Whether it was the singing or the prayers that drove the customers away we may never know, but after about a month the saloon closed for good.

Announcements

Drop & Dash is today. Drop off donations for Knox Food Pantry and full-size toiletry items for Welcome Table at the white food pantry near the Activities Center. With kids out of school, granola bars and fruit cups are especially needed at Knox. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parent Study Group for Christian Parents of LGBTQ Children. The Reformation Project is offering a free 8-week program, starting Aug. 4, for Christian parents seeking to reconcile their love for their LGBTQ child with their love for the Bible and faith in Jesus Christ. This program includes a close look at biblical teaching on topics like marriage, gender, and sexual ethics and offers an opportunity for parents to discuss these topics within a group of other parents who are on a similar journey. See link in egram for more information.

Escape Weekend, Nov. 1-3. Register now to reserve your spot at Escape Weekend 2024! Sign up through the link in the Friday egram or contact Marnie Sarver (marnie.sarver@gmail.com).

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 28

Drop & Dash Sunday

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Monday, July 29 - *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, July 30

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Wednesday, July 31

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

Thursday, August 1 - *No scheduled events*

Friday, August 2 - *No scheduled events*

Saturday, August 3

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon-1 p.m., Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, August 4

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Youth Kings Dominion Trip, 10:00 a.m. depart from FCPC

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

742 We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.
Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.
Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



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With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.