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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

With or Without You
Musical Ensemble

by U2

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*Call to Worship

God calls us each by name
as we gather on holy ground.
**We come to this place,
seeking to know the great I AM.**
Let us worship God.

*Opening Songs

Lead Me to the Cross
and
Great is Thy Faithfulness

(lyrics and music are printed on the next pages)

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

40 *Coda* Gmaj7 A Gmaj7 D A

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out. Bring me to my knees,

43 Gmaj7 D A Gmaj7 D

Lord, I lay me down. Rid me of my - self, I be - long to You.

46 A Em9 G A N.C.

Oh, lead me. Lead me to the cross._

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

*Opening Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm/Runyan

♩ = 75 C C+ Fmaj7 G7 F/C C F

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6 C/E C D/A A7 D7 G G7 C G7/C

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

11 C Dm C/E Fmaj7 F#°7 C/G G7 C

pas - sions they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

CHORUS

G F/C C A7 Gm/D Dm G7 C Cm6

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new

23 G/D D7 G G7 C G7/C C Dm C/E Fmaj7 F#°7

mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is Thy

30 C/G G7 C

faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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*Prayer of Confession

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives?
 Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us.
 Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.
 We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.
 Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.
 Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
 and lead us in your ways of peace.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

Fred Peretz

By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-8a, 10-15
Matthew 16:21-28

Fred Peretz
Rev. Matt Nieman

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Gaining and Forfeiting”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Musical Reflection

You Say
Musical Ensemble

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Call for Giving

~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Reprise of "With or Without You"

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The Prayer after Communion

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba/Caminando

(English) We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
 (Zulu**) Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
 (Spanish) Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios, ca - mi -

1
 march - ing in the light of God. We are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

2
 of God we are march - ing
 kwen - khos' si - ya - ham - ba
 de Dios ca - mi - nan - do

march - ing in the light of, the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 nan - do en la luz de la luz de Dios. Ca - mi - nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

Ooo
 Ooo
 Ooo

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos. Si - ya -
 nan - do va - mos, ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios. Ca - mi -

(Last time) D.S.

*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

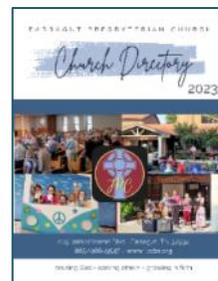
Sandra Bohlken, guitar, vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Joey Nieman, guitar, vocals
and Kevin Zetina, percussion

If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:



Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad



The new **2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are still available to pick up in the narthex again this Sunday. They are alphabetized so it should be simple to find yours. If you cannot locate your directory, please refrain from taking one with someone else's name on it, and let the office or Mikie Lancaster know, and we will get you a copy.

UT FOOTBALL PARKING! Hey Big Orange fans! Emerald Youth Foundation is excited to offer a **Parking Pass program** for the 2023 football season! Proceeds raised benefit Emerald Youth's programs in faith, learning and health serving 3,000 young people annually in Knoxville's city neighborhoods.

For more information go to: <https://www.emeraldyouth.org/parking>.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we're turning to the shortest Gospel this year. If you're interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we'd love to have you join us (even if you can't make every week). Our first meeting will be on September 7 at 7pm, in the church library. Thereafter, we meet from 7-8pm on Zoom, except for parties. If you'd like more information, you can talk to Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



FEED THE HUNGRY: Special thanks to Gayle Williams, Gale Montgomery, MaryAnne Walls and August Coordinators Robert and Terry Olberding for providing and serving a meal to the less fortunate at Volunteer Ministry Center in August. If you would like to participate in this meaningful outreach program this month, on September 19th, see September Coordinators, Karen Brown Gonzalez and Chuck Gonzalez, or you can sign up in the narthex.



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY: We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in November and December for food pantry families. We'll be collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-frost cans of icing. In total for the two months, we figure we'll need 400 of each item. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this special outreach to our community.



University of Tennessee UKirk SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER: On Friday, September 29th from 6:00-8:00 pm [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](#), will host an open house and silent auction to raise money for this wonderful ministry. Our house is at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916 and there is some parking available on site and public parking nearby. If you would like to

sign up to provide an item or bring food for the event, please follow the link below or use the QR Code.

<https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction>



If you are donating an item, please bring it to UKirk or give it to UKirk board member Susan Harbin by **September 22nd**. We hope that you will come out for the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about our campus ministry.



[IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!](#)

Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE LUNCHEON** at 11am on Sunday, October 1st after a single blended worship service at 10:00 a.m. Dust off your team jerseys and pom-poms and add the date to your calendar. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

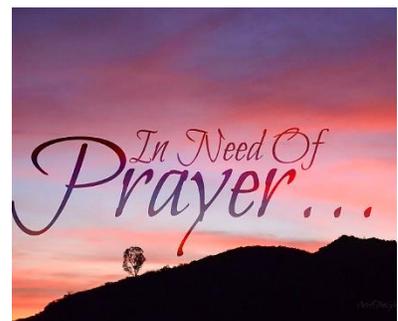
SAVE THE DATE: Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 22, from 2-5pm to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. It will be a great time of music, food, and fellowship for the whole family. All five churches that sponsor the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry (including Farragut Presbyterian Church) will gather in Faith Lutheran's parking lot with bounce houses and face painting for kids, Faith's Praise Band, Chancel Choir and other musicians on stage, food trucks, and more. Admission will cost 2 cans of food donated to the pantry!



The Church Office will be **CLOSED on Monday, September 4th** so our staff can observe the Labor Day holiday with their families. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, September 5th at 9am. Have a blessed and safe holiday!

[PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:](#)

Helen, Agee, Candice Blake, Kathi Damelio, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Les Shear, Janet and Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver



This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 03		9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services	
Mon, Sept 04 Tues, Sept 05	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Rm A
	10:00	a.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	*****	*****	OFFICE CLOSED/LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Wed, Sept 06	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
Thur, Sept 07	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 COURT OF HONOR/FH, N, Sanc.
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Library
Fri, Sept 08	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Library
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in Room D in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in Room D in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Room A	Starting Sept. 10 , Monday Connection will be discussing the book, <i>“Glittering Vices – A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins and Their Remedies”</i> by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung....a C.S. Lewis Book Prize Winner
Pastor Matt’s Class	Library	This class is studying “Questions Jesus Asked” based on the book by Magrey deVega. The class will discuss 6 of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others in order to bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to “DIVE IN to the Old Testament!” Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.