

May 18, 2025



WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am

****Please stand as you are able***

Prelude: "In the Garden"

C. Austin Miles, arr. Mark Hayes

Graham Sterling, *piano*

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Merry, *Interim Senior Pastor*

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: God is near to all who call upon God,
to all who approach the Almighty in truth.

**People: We look to God, who supplies our food
and fulfills the desires of those who cry for aid.**

Leader: God is faithful and gracious in word and deed,
raising and upholding those bowed down and fallen.

**People: We seek God's kindness and justice
amid our tears and our hopes.**

Leader: With open hands God welcomes us
and preserves us from wickedness.

**People: Our mouths will speak the praise of God;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

All: Let us together be the people who worship the Lord.

***Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** (*located in this bulletin*)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Merry

Generous Provider, You have loved us and met our needs,
even when we have ignored You and resisted Your Word.
We have not loved You or one another as You command,
but have looked for saviors in our own image
and have given our attention to those from whom we think we can gain.
We have closed our eyes to the suffering and pain
we help to inflict on some of Your children.
Forgive us and turn us around,
lest our care and concern come too late
to help other children whom You love.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Rev. Merry

(Children ages preschool through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children in Worship on the 3rd floor balcony at this time. Children are to be picked up immediately after service in the chapel behind the high pulpit.)

***Hymn:** "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (located in this bulletin)

Viviana Antonio, *cello*

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "With a Name Like That..."

Rev. Merry

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

We 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer and 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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Call for the Offering (Online giving available, scan code on back)

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Anthem: "Holy Forever"

by Jason Ingram, Brian & Jenn Johnson, Chris Tomlin and Phil Wickham

Emma Brown Baker, *soprano*
Dwayne Dolphin, *bass guitar*

*1 A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb*

*Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all*

Chorus: *And the angels cry, "Holy"
All Creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever*

*2 If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen (Chorus)*

*You will always be holy
Holy forever*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

***Prayer of Dedication**

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Faithful Servant Award

***Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"** (*located in this bulletin*)

***Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Toccata in C Major"

by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726), arr. Hal Hopson

Graham Sterling, *organ*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

G D D7 G

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall.
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

D G D G D/F# Em A D

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

G D7 G C G/D D7 G

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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Open Our Eyes



O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -



sus, _____ to reach out and touch him, _____ and



say that we love him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, _



_____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our



eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

A D Bm A E7 A

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A D G D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 God who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D G D7 G A7 D

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

Birthday Blessings to:

Keith Burris, Don Larter, Kate Williams, Ruth Ann Reamer, and Ben Williams

Welcome, Graham Sterling

Graham Sterling just received the Master of Music degree in Collaborative Piano from West Virginia University, where he studied with Grammy-nominated pianist Dr. Lucy Mauro and with organist Dr. William Haller. During his MM program he was awarded a graduate assistantship at Suncrest United Methodist Church, playing organ and leading various choirs. Next month he returns to the Miami Beach Classical Music Festival, this year as a fellowship recipient and pianist for the production of Dvořák's *Rusalka*.

Welcome Back, Dwayne Dolphin

Jazz and funk bassist Dwayne Dolphin was recruited out of high school by Wynton Marsalis to tour with his quintet. A member of the Pittsburgh Jazz Hall of Fame, Dolphin has played and recorded with luminaries including Hank Jones, Nancy Wilson, Pharoah Sanders, Fred Wesley, and John Hicks. In 2018, Dwayne released his eighth solo album, *Indigenous*. He appears regularly in Pittsburgh with legendary drummer Roger Humphries and his band, "RH Factor."

Welcome Back, Viviana Antonio

Viviana Antonio is a rising senior at Carnegie Mellon University, pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in the studio of Anne Martindale-Williams, Principal Cellist of the Pittsburgh Symphony. Viviana was awarded the Mary & George Wilkins Cello Scholarship for the 2024-25 school year; in 2023 her quartet won first prize in CMU's Chamber Music competition. A Virginia Beach native, Viviana began studying cello at age 11 and graduated from the Governor's School for the Arts in 2021. She has enjoyed performing with her family's acoustic cover band, *Two Arms of Flight*, since 2014.

Join Us for Camp Sunday! – June 8

On Sunday, June 8, we'll celebrate Camp Sunday with a special worship service featuring **nearly ninety counselors and summer staff from Ligonier Camp and Conference Center (LCCC)**. **Patrick Myers**, Executive Director of LCCC, will be preaching, and the counselors will lead us in joyful camp songs and music. Together, we'll commission them for the 2025 summer camp season. This year's camp theme is: **"I AM"**. After worship, join us for our annual Camp Sunday Luncheon in the cafeteria! Lunch will be catered by Giant Eagle Fox Chapel and will include **fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, and cookies**.

Suggested donation:

- \$10 per adult
- \$5 per child
- \$30 per family (4 or more)

If you are able, please consider **sponsoring a guest or family** who may not be able to contribute.

Please sign up in the Lounge on the clipboard or by emailing **Hannah** at hotoole@fpcp.org, so we can plan accordingly. Please also include how many will attend and submit your donation at the time of sign-up. Donations can be placed in the offering plate (note "Camp Sunday" in the memo), mailed to the church office, or handed in during Fellowship Hour. Questions? Please see any deacon. We look forward to celebrating together!

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