

# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Pre-Service Music

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Meditation on Hyfrydol

Andrew Hackett

## Concerns of the Congregation

### Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9

Paul Maxwell

*One: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,*

**All: a holy nation, God's own people,**

*One: called by God in order that you may proclaim God's mighty acts*

**All: for he has called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

### Prelude

Andrew Hackett, Organist

Improvisation on *Abbot's Leigh*

### Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

\*Hymn bulletin pg. 7

God is Here

### \*Invocation

**All: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Dear God, we confess that we have sinned and need your forgiveness. We want to do things on our own, without you. We have been distracted from your word and behave as if your instructions were vague. We are unworthy of your grace and undeserving of your forgiveness. We've failed you once again. God, thank you for being merciful. Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us. May we experience the Spirit's presence more clearly every day. Give us the focus to follow your word and your ways. Show us the ways of your kingdom. Help us when we're in trouble and guide us away from the darkness of this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*Moments of Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7:19

*One: Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! This is the Good News!*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

**Anthem**

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

Covenant Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

O Lord my God! O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art.

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, how great Thou art.

And when I think that God, his son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, how great Thou art. O Lord my God, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, O Lord my God, O Lord my God!

How Great Thou art!

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Offertory

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Georgia Jacobsen, mezzo soprano; Evelina Konaniah, piano

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod.  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.  
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful, river.  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease.  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful, river.  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.  
That flows by the throne of God.

**\*Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:13-18

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson

Pew Bible pg. 594; Large Print Bible pg. 1524

*Jesus went to the area of Caesarea Philippi. He said to his followers, "Who do people say I am?" They answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah. And some say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Then Jesus said to his followers, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah. No one taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. So I tell you, you are Peter. And I will build my church on this rock. The power of death will not be able to defeat my church.*

*One: This is God's Word for God's People.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## The Service of Reaffirmation of Baptism and Confirmation

### Presentation

#### Profession of Faith

**Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?**

*I do. God will help me.*

**Who is your Lord and Savior?**

*Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

**Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?**

*I will, with God's help.*

**Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?**

*I will, with God's help.*

#### \*Apostles Creed

**All: 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.**

#### Laying on of Hands and Anointing Isaiah 11:2

*One: O Lord, uphold Heidi, Sophie, Paul and Eli, by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.*

#### Welcome

*One: Heidi, Sophie, Paul and Eli, by professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism. May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church. Amen.*

**All: Alleluia!**

The Confirmands may run their hands through the baptism font water and retrieve one of the colored stones as a remembrance.

**This Week at CFPC**

**Sunday, July 31**

- 9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM — Worship
- 10:30 AM — Confirmands received in worship
- 11:30 AM — Fellowship Time
- 11:45 AM — Deacons Meeting in Ruth Fox Conference Room

**Wednesday, August 3**

- 12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

**Saturday, August 6**

- 7:30 AM — Men’s Bible Study in the Chapel

**Planning Ahead at CFPC**

**Sunday, August 7**

- 9:15 AM — Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 AM — Worship with Rev. Dr. Dustin Ellington
- 11:30 AM — Neighborhood Fellowship on the Front Steps
- 5 PM — Potluck Dinner with Dustin and Sherri Ellington

**Wednesday, August 10**

- 12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

**Saturday, August 13**

- 7:30 AM — Men’s Bible Study in the Chapel



**Looking Ahead to Sunday, August 7**

Today and next Sunday we will be focusing on two special Sundays and then we will return to Philippians 1. Today we celebrate the confirmation of several of our young adults. They’ve attended the Confirmation Class, have been examined by the Session and approved to be full members. Sunday, August 7 we will set aside as a Global Mission Sunday. Dustin and Sherry Ellington will be our guests and we will bless them as they move to their new mission assignment at a Christian Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. Please see the announcement on the next page for more information about our potluck dinner on that Sunday evening with members of the Madiera Silverwood Presbyterian Church.