

January 16, 2022

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

Wilbur Held

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: Our worship is in the name of the Father,

People: the one eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being,

Leader: and of the Son,

People: our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the love of God is made manifest among us,

Leader: and of the Holy Spirit,

People: the Counselor by whom we become the people of God and the church of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ:

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

Almighty God, as the church, we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own success and salvation, and fear to follow Christ in a commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its people. Help us to speak and act our parts in the great drama of your love, and in the freeing gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us through Jesus Christ and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 7:1-10

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Sermon

"Extreme Love"

Offering

Offertory

You Shall Go Out With Joy

Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (**unison**)

**God of all peoples and God of all places,
We present these offerings, that they may be used to extend
your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the
world. Amen.**

*Hymn #418

Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Medley Arr. Fred Brock

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Elder Libby Andia

Ushers: Team A

Zoom Host: Mike Dingelstadt

Hymn Leadership: Barbara Prestridge

Piano and Organ: Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame

Video Editing: Rich Vodhanel

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening

The Chancel Flowers are given today by

Joyce Davies and her family in loving memory of Dr Joseph Davies III

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022, following worship for the purpose of receiving the annual report and 2022 budget, electing church officers, and approving the pastor's terms of call.

The deadline for submitting reports is January 20.

16	JAN, SUN	● All day	Deacon Meeting
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (FH)
17	JAN, MON	● All day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18	JAN, TUE	● 9 – 10am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Session Meeting (FH)
19	JAN, WED	● 11am – 12pm	C&S MEETING (FH)
23	JAN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (FH)
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	PW Meeting

The PM General Meeting will be held on January 23 at 11:15 directly after service.

All are asked and encouraged to attend either in person or on Zoom.

The Zoom meeting will use the same link as service. **Call in by phone: 646-558-8656 when prompted, enter meeting ID: 236 972 496 Or**

CLICK HERE or copy & paste the link into your web browser to join via the internet video conference: <https://zoom.us/j/236972496>

“Reflections On What We Believe”

“For freedom Christ has set us free,” Tutu wrote. “In Christ we are not bound by old, narrow prejudice, but free to embrace the full humanity of our brothers and sisters in all our glorious differences.”

Quoted from an open letter Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote to the PC(USA) in 2011, following the ratification of the decision of the 219th General Assembly (2010), to permit the ordination of non-celibate LGBTQIA people, expressing support for the church's action.