



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday July 30, 2017

Philippians: Life in Christ
"Timothy & Epaphroditus"

PRELUDE

PREPARATION

May our souls take refuge
from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought,
and beneath the shadow of your wings,
find peace in you, O God.

All Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Grace to you
and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All And also with you.

Let us rejoice in the Lord always.

All Again I will say it: Rejoice!

OPENING SONG

Trinity Song - Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,
Holy Communion, Three in One. (*repeat*)

Come, with your peace, with your invitation,
bind us together in holy love. (*repeat*)

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OPENING RESPONSORIAL

This is vanity under the sun: one all alone,
All one who has no sons, no brothers;
there is no end to all his toil,
and his eyes find no satisfaction in riches.
“For whom do I toil,” he asks,
“for whom do I deprive myself of pleasure?”
Two are better than one,
for they have a good reward for their toil.
For if they were to fall,
one would lift up the other;
but woe to one who falls while alone;
he has no one to help him up.

from Ecclesiastes 4

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia!
Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit three in one,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

All Lord our God,
in our sin we avoid your call.
Too often we seek our own interests
and are not truly concerned for others.
We are unwilling to take risks
for the work of Christ
and for the love of one another.
Have mercy on us;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.
All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

You Are My King - Billy J. Foote

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted, you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be,
that you, my king, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true,
and it's my joy to honor you;
in all I do, I honor you.

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O Spirit of the Living God - Henry Tweedy, Audrey Assad

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, wingéd fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ,
who came this world to save.
So shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave.
And earth shall win true holiness
which makes thy children whole
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament reading: Philippians 2:19-30

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon. ²⁵Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; ²⁶for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, ³⁰because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 10:1, 5, 40-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness... ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions... ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Timothy & Epaphroditus” – The Rev. Chris Currie

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The offertory is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly.com/give. If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.

CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

PRAYERS

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Loving Father, send your church into the world
as a people who look to the interests of others
and who long for one another with the love of Christ.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders to strive for justice and peace;
may all who suffer oppression or violence be delivered,
that your church might freely minister reconciliation.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask your mercy upon all who are sick or in distress;
heal and comfort them in both body and spirit,
deliver them from anxiety, and grant them joy.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We beg your mercy
upon the homeless, poor, and needy:
grant them homes, opportunities,
and resources to find relief.

May we be messengers of your generous provision.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

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 and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest!

The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer and speaks the Words of Institution.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes are also available if preferred. Please recycle your Communion cup as you leave worship.

COMMUNION SONG

The Feast - William Gadsby, Karl Digerness

With wondering eyes, Lord we admire
the feast prepared by grace;
come, Lord, and set our souls on fire,
and fill each heart with peace.

These emblems of your precious love,
by faith may we receive!

And with a solemn pleasure prove
we in your name believe.

*We eat this bread, we drink this wine,
come give yourself to us.*

*We know you're here, that's why we've come,
to feast on you with love.*

No goodness of our own we bring;
we're sinners vile and base.

Christ is our all; of Christ we sing,
and long to see his face.

O may we each, with heart and tongue
sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

To him alone the praise belongs,
and we'll adore his name.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All Gracious God, lover of all,
in this sacrament
we are one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood
and one in the communion of his Spirit:
help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
This we pray through your Son our Savior.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Blest Be The Tie - John Fawcett, Hans Nageli, Lowell Mason

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Our glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

West Philly

Julia Snyder: liturgist

Chris Currie: celebrant

Christopher McDonald:

piano, voice

Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice

Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds

Fairmount

Mae Trieu: liturgist

Chris Currie: celebrant

Christopher McDonald:

piano, voice

Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice

Alec Spiegelman: woodwinds

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