

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Liturgical Color: Green



Welcome to the church we love! As Terre Haute's first established congregation, we maintain a 194-year tradition of service to God in our community. We pray you will encounter the Spirit in worship with us.

We ask that you sit as nearly as possible where we have placed bulletins. Family units of any size may certainly sit together.

We ask that if at any moment you begin to feel ill, if possible, you immediately leave the sanctuary.

We offer nursery care for children aged birth through three years. We welcome children of all ages to worship with us throughout the service. For those that desire, Children's Worship follows the Children's Lesson. This is truly a time of age-appropriate worship.

Children's activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary. Guest bags are available.

The ushers are available to help with any questions or needs.

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Prayer of the Day

*Faithful God, in Christ Jesus
you came to us as a little child
to lead us to your eternal realm.
Help us to receive your promise
with childlike trust and joy
so that we may one day rest
in the loving arms of Christ;
in whose holy name we pray.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

As we transition into a full in person worship we at this time will sing “conversationally”. That is, we ask that all sing at a quiet speaking volume.

Prelude *Meditation on “How Great Thou Art”* Hine

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please speak all responsive parts aloud but quietly.

Leader: Give glory to our God,

People: Who on this day won victory over death.

Leader: Raising Jesus from the grave,

People: And giving us eternal life!

Leader: Let us worship our Lord, Father, Son
 and Holy Spirit.

**All: Let us worship our Lord, the Savior
 of the world!**

*HYMN #395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Ours is a God of justice,
waiting to be gracious to us,
yearning to have pity on us.
Blessed are all who wait upon the Lord.
In penitence and faith,
let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

*CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God, who sent a star
to guide people to the holy child Jesus,
we confess that we have not followed
the light of your word.**

**We have not searched for signs of your love
in the world, or trusted Good News to be good.
We have failed to praise your Son's birth,
and broken his peace on earth.**

**We have expected little, and hoped for less.
Forgive our doubt,
and renew us in all godly desires,
that we may watch and wait
and once more hear the glad story
of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

*Among baptism's symbolic meanings is the reminder that
Jesus atoned for our sins. We pour water into the
baptismal font just before the Assurance of Pardon to
dramatize Jesus' washing us clean.*

(Pause for silent reflection.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of Love became one of us
that he might die as we die.

People: **He remained God that he might
come back to life.**

Leader: He became incarnate in human flesh
that we might know forgiveness
and live in peace.

Hear the Good News: in Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

All: **Our sins are forgotten, our hope secure.
Hallelujah!**

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***THE PEACE**

See John 20:19, 21, 26

(We will pass the peace in place. You may turn to extend your wishes to those nearby.)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
all.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Children, may remain in the pew with your family or come forward and sit in a designated spot. There is no children's worship today. Children will remain in the sanctuary. The nursery is available for children 4 and under.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-13

In the beginning when God created
the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept
over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light.
And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.
God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome
in the midst of the waters,
and let it separate the waters from the waters."
So God made the dome
and separated the waters that were under the dome
from the waters that were above the dome.
And it was so.
God called the dome Sky.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky
be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear." And it was so.
God called the dry land Earth,
and the waters that were gathered together
he called Seas.
And God saw that it was good.
Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees of every kind on earth
that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.
The earth brought forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed of every kind,
and trees of every kind bearing fruit
with the seed in it.
And God saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the third day.

ANTHEM

Song of Thanks

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven,
holding in his hand the key
to the bottomless pit and a great chain.
He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent,
who is the Devil and Satan,
and bound him for a thousand years,
and threw him into the pit,
and locked and sealed it over him,
so that he would deceive the nations no more,
until the thousand years were ended.
After that he must be let out for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them
were given authority to judge.

I also saw the souls of those
who had been beheaded
for their testimony to Jesus
and for the word of God.

They had not worshiped the beast or its image
and had not received its mark
on their foreheads or their hands.

They came to life and reigned with Christ
a thousand years.

(The rest of the dead did not come to life
until the thousand years were ended.)

This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy are those who share
in the first resurrection.

Over these the second death has no power,
but they will be priests of God and of Christ,
and they will reign with him a thousand years.

SERMON

Words Create Worlds Rev. Jonathan Sutter

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Lau

Liturgist:

Attendance: 72

CALENDAR

Sun.	10:30 a.m.	Worship service
	6:00 p.m.	High Point Youth at Centenary United Methodist
Wed.	5:00 p.m.	Central Presbyterian hosting United Campus Ministries supper
	7:30 p.m.	Bible study and brew
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Club dinner at Edgerton home

For updated information please consult the main church calendar, which may be found online at our church website (www.thcpc.org).



Check us out on Facebook

A reminder that there will be **no Children's Worship** this Sunday due to our PYOCA retreat happening this weekend. Older children should remain in the sanctuary with their families following the Children's Moment. Our nursery is open for younger children from 10:15am through worship.

Wednesday, October 6 our Central mission committee will serve as hosts of the weekly **United Campus Ministries** dinner. Volunteers are needed to provide desserts and to help serve the meal. Please contact **Molly Wadsworth** for more information or to volunteer.

Sarah Kelsheimer is working hard to update our **Church Directory**. If your address, email, or phone number has changed since 2019 please email her (sarah@thcpc.org) or contact the church office to let us know.

Highpoint youth is assembling a "Dad Joke" calendar as a fundraiser. Send us all of your dad jokes, puns and other funny words of wisdom from your good ol' dad! Please email jokes to ellie@thcpc.org

Church Staff

Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor

Mrs. Ellie Templeton, Christian Education Dir./Communications
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Mrs. Sarah Kelsheimer, Secretary

Dr. Mark Carlisle, Choir Director

Mr. Steve McCullough, Organist

Mr. Tim Ghogle, Youth Director

Mr. Alvin Stinnett, Caretaker & Bus Driver

Prayers for the Week

Morning

O God, who hast so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us,
give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to You;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

-- Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)

Evening

O Christ, Son of the Living God,
May Your holy angels guard our sleep.
May they watch over us as we rest
And hover around our beds
May no dreams disturb our rest
And no nightmares darken our dreams
May the virtue of our daily work
Hallow our nightly prayers.
May our sleep be deep and soft,
So our work be fresh and hard.
Amen

-- Patrick of Ireland (387-460)