

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given by Randy and Debbie Niederer to the glory of God and in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Heritage Room

Sewing Group, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays

Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

November 19, Country Music Concert presented by Ann Brown.

We are collecting frozen turkeys for the WTCC. Please bring to the church on Sunday, 11/19 by 1pm.



The influence of the Nile River upon the land of Egypt.

Communion Liturgy

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

CHOIR: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

(You are invited forward to receive the elements.)

Prayer

Spiritual Food for Thought

Put simply, the Reformers were not innovators but *excavators*. Like archaeologists, they viewed themselves as merely uncovering what had been lost in the sands of time. —Michael Kruger

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2019
Chris Manz, Moderator

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Worship Assistant: Kris Schmidt

Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, Pastor Emeritus
Barbara Matlack, Office Administrator

November 5, 2017

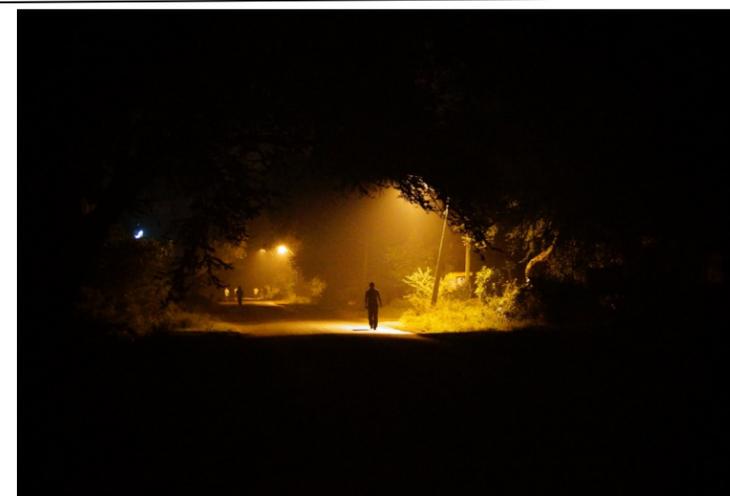
THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK of
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

So much of our experience is balancing the resolved and unresolved (or, yet to be resolved). We see it in our Scripture readings for today. Jacob is reunited with Joseph, and before us is the overwhelming gladness and relief that comes from resolution. Yet famine was still in the land.

In Acts, we see resolution: Paul had appealed to Caesar, and he is prepared to testify about Jesus Christ before the Empire's most powerful man. But Paul

hasn't gotten on the ship to Rome yet. The Lord's Supper also shows us a resolved/unresolved paradox. Christ is the bread of life. We "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (I Corinthians 11:26).



Call to Worship

Today, we use our weekly reading from the Psalms as our Call to Worship.

Psalm 148, page 448.

If you are sitting on the pulpit side of the sanctuary, please read the odd numbered verses as part of our responsive reading.

If you are sitting on the lectern side, please read the even numbered verses.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you, through Jesus Christ our Savior....

...Let us pause for a silent time of personal confession...

Ineffable: too great or extreme to be expressed or described with words.
Prayer taken from the Book of Common Worship



Order of Liturgy

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (page 1)

***Opening Hymn** / Prayer (page 1)

Confession (page 1)

—call, prayer, assurance

*Gloria patri

Scripture (page 1)

Message

***Hymn of Response** (page 1)

*Apostles Creed

*New City Catechism (page 2)

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Prayers of the People

Offering: "Taste and See"

*Doxology

Communion (page 4)

***Sending Hymn** (page 1)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Genesis 46-47 (page 36)

Acts 26 (page 792)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns

#82 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Hymn of Response

#539 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sending Hymn

Insert "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

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Notes on Morning Scripture

Genesis 45

46:1 Both Abraham (21:33) and Isaac (26:25) had offered sacrifices to God when in Beersheba

47:9 Jacob understands his life as a pilgrimage. See Psalm 84. Hebrews 11:13-16

Vs 21 Joseph's actions become the act upon his descendants

Vs 26: "still in force today", the book of Genesis is written between 500 and 1000 years after Joseph had lived.

Vs 29 see Genesis 24:2

Vs 30 Machpelah was the burial cave of the patriarchs, see 23:17-19

Acts 26

Vs 3 "familiar with Jewish customs" He had supreme power in Jewish religious life, for the Romans gave him the right to appoint the high priest and custodianship of the temple treasure and the high priest's vestments (Josephus *Jewish Antiquities* 20.213, 222)

Vs 24; Which statement triggered Festus to declare Paul out of his mind? Paul's declaration that all he has said is in Moses and the Prophets?...That a Royal King would suffer?...That the Messiah would be first to rise from the dead?...that the Romans might be invited to follow this servant King? See I Corinthians 2:14-15

Web Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqczuaFQpVQ> A Mighty Fortress is our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGV8V7I3MzY> Reformation Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if0px-drjHk> Reformation Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcVsZUDQ-_g On Faith Alone, last week's Choir Song

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/tgc-reformation-500-statement/> a wonderful overview of what God has done, is doing, and will do.

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

Question 43: What are the sacraments or ordinances?

Answer: The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

To learn more about Question 43, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#43>

Editorial: John Calvin, On the Resurrection in Acts 26

Paul affirmed the hope of the promise made to the Fathers. Therefore the beginning, and indeed the chief point of the defense, was that the covenant that God had made with the fathers, is made to apply to eternal salvation. That is precisely the gospel of all my teaching, because, when the grace of redemption is presented, at the same time the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven is opened. And when I preach that the Author of salvation has been raised up from the dead, I am offering the firstfruits of blessed immortality in His person. Thus, the first confirmation of his teaching was taken from the Word of God, when he publicly cited the promise made to the fathers.

I have no doubt that Paul affirmed what he said about the resurrection and the heavenly life with both reason and Scriptural proof texts. But he is justified in calling back those, whom he is addressing, to the power of God, so that they may not form an opinion on the matter according to the measure of their own understanding. For there is nothing more difficult to bring home to men than the future renewal of bodies, when they have been reduced to nothing. Therefore because the mystery is far too deep for the human mind, let the faithful remember that in this connection they must ponder how widely the immense power of God extends, and not what they themselves may understand. . . But men, who do not wish God's arm to be stretched out further than their understanding may reach, are usually grudging and unjust towards God; therefore they desire, as far as they can, to restrict the magnitude of His works, which surpass heaven and earth, to their own narrow minds. But Paul, on the contrary, commands us to consider what God can do, so that, having been raised above the world, we may learn to grasp the faith of the resurrection, not according to the weak capacity of our mind, but according to God's omnipotence.

Calvin's New Testament Commentaries: [The Acts of the Apostles Vol. II.](#) Translated by John W. Fraser. Pages 271-272

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 11/5 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby

Who is the Gospel for?

Calvin from Chambersburg

Dear Calvin,

We have said elsewhere that testifying is more than teaching, for it is as if a solemn contestation were taking place between God and men, to establish the majesty of the Gospel.

But Paul says that he is a witness to great and small, so that king Agrippa may realize that this also applies to himself, and that, although the teaching of salvation is presented to all the lowest of men, that does not prevent it from also ascending to the highest of kings. For Christ gathers all men together into his bosom in the same embrace, so that those, who were previously lying in the dirt, and are now raised to such great honour, may glory in His gracious goodness, and those who really have been placed in a position of high esteem, may freely humble themselves, and not be annoyed to have brethren drawn from the contemptible, lowest rabble, and thus become the sons of God.

Similarly in Romans 1:14, Paul mentions that he 'is a debtor both to the wise and to the foolish', so that confidence in their own wisdom might not prevent the Romans from submitting to his teaching. Let us learn from this that a teacher has no authority to choose his audience, and that it is insulting to God as well as defrauding men of their right, for teachers to restrict their labour to the great, whom God associates with the small. I have no doubt that the restriction between the illustrious and the ignoble is removed, because Paul neither respected the superiority of the former, no despised the insignificance of the latter, but proved himself a faithful teacher to both without distinction.

Taken from John Calvin, Calvin's New Testament Commentaries, [Acts of the Apostles Volume II](#), page 279-280