

Prelude

Welcome

We Approach God

Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-5

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

Make known God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.

Sing praise to God; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles and the judgments he has spoken.

Prayer of the Day

God of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a child the measure of your kingdom. Give us wisdom to understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 559 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Prayer of Confession +

Almighty God, you are the source of mercy, love and redemption. We confess that sometimes we become frustrated with what we experience as unfair in life, and we allow our anger to cut us off from others. Thank you for staying with us and calling us back to your way. Forgive us for our resentment and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. By your Spirit, help us to see the world in new ways through your gift of faith. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 105:37-45

New Testament Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, you graciously welcome those who seek you. We are grateful that you teach us how to live as those who belong to you. Guide us each day, so that our attitudes and actions will honor you. Let the ministries of this church reach out to show and tell our neighbors of your faithful love. Use our gifts in Jesus's name. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 671 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Benediction

Postlude

+ Adapted from a prayer by Rose Schrott Taylor, provided for free distribution

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 20 Worship & Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

You are invited to worship God with us in person or via live stream and enjoy refreshments at coffee hour.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 p.m.

Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., September 23 Bible Study 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

We will discuss chapter 3 of *Philippians for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. Join us in the church Parlor or via Zoom. Meeting ID 834 1604 4724 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416044724>

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Toddlers and caregivers enjoy conversation and snacks.

Saturday, Sept. 26 Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.

Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.



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*You are welcome here,
no matter where you are
on your journey of faith.*

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