

## Prayer of Preparation

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours;  
do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace,  
that is enough for me.

~ Saint Ignatius of Loyola



## Welcome!

**We are grateful that you joined us today.** After worship please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Joy Group. After refreshments there are Sunday School classes for different ages.

**If you have joined us today with children,** there is a nursery available. In addition, there is children's church for ages 3 to 3rd grade. Children leave the service during the Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn. There are three options during this time: nursery, 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. There is also a Sunday School for children after refreshments.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refreshments for next Sunday:** Peace Group. Contact Lisa Haas 828-387-7788

**World Relief News:** We have the opportunity to go up to High Point to deliver donations and help in the warehouse on Nov. 19, and Dec. 10. It is exciting to be part of the Body of Christ in action, serving the refugees, immigrants, and victims of trafficking who are relocating to our part of NC. For more information contact: **Gayle: 321 501 8237** or **Amy: 828 719 9454**

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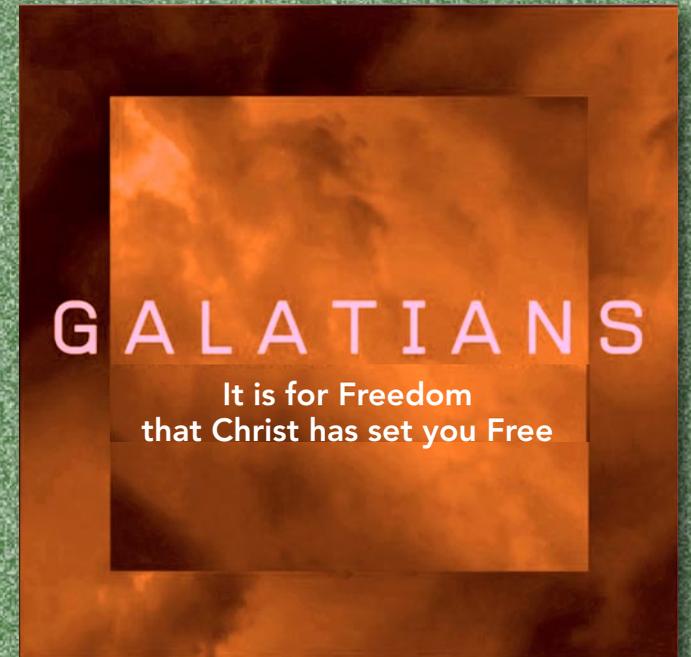
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Service for the Lord's Day

October 9, 2022



## GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

**All: *He is risen indeed!***

## PRELUDE

Kelley Bagwell

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*In Christ Alone (See insert)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others.*

*In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.*

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.*

*Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.*

*Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.*

*This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.*

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~ Ezekiel 36:25-26

*I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

## \* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

## \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

~ from Ephesians 2

*We believe that we were dead in our transgressions and sins. All of us were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace that we have been saved.*

*We believe that it is by grace that we have been saved, through faith – and this is not from ourselves, our faith is the gift of God.*

*We believe that we are not saved by works, so that no one can boast.*

*We believe that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

## \* HYMN OF PREPARATION

#682 *Guide Me,  
O Thou Great Jehovah*

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Galatians 5:1-15;  
*Free for....*

## \* COMMUNION HYMN

#526 *The Solid Rock*

## \* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

**All: *And also with you.***

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

**All: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All: *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.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \* HYMN OF SENDING

*I'll Not Be Shaken  
(see insert)*

## \* BENEDICTION