

Prayer of Preparation

We join our prayers this week in intercession for men and women in our society who are trapped:

- those who are trapped in poverty with no sign of relief;
- those who are trapped in jobs that engage but a fraction of their powers;
- those who are trapped in families where love has ebbed away;
- those who are trapped in unwanted alliances out of which they cannot break;
- those who are trapped by the fear of discovery, or by dependency on others, or by a need for drugs or alcohol, or by any addiction.

O Father, whose will it is that we be free, and who gave your Son that we might be delivered from all coercive powers, make us examples of your freedom, proclaimers of your freedom, and instruments of your freedom; snap our chains that we may loose the chains of others.

Then shall the joy of the liberated rise from the earth like a mighty hymn of praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. After worship please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Patience 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

Next Sunday is our Fifth Sunday Breakfast hosted by our church's best cooks with the help of our **Kindness Group**. Cooks and helpers need to be downstairs by 9:00 a.m. to prepare our feast during the service.

World Relief News: Join us on Nov. 19 and Dec. 10 to deliver donations to High Point and help in the warehouse. 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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Service for the Lord's Day

October 23, 2022



GALATIANS

It is for Freedom
that Christ has set you Free

GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE *Come to My Senses (written by Jess Ray)*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 103:1-2*

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** #352 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION *~Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV*

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us: how often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand!

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you!

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit: how often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *~ Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV*

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

* **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** #403 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON *Galatians 6:1-10:
A Gospel Formed and
Cross Shaped Spiritual Harvest*

* **COMMUNION HYMN** #460 *Let us Break Bread Together*

* **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.

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** #401 *The Church's One Foundation*

* **BENEDICTION**