



THE LORD'S DAY
February 26, 2023
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† INTROIT *"Come Thou Almighty King" (Verse 1,4)* Page 8
† Please stand as you are able.

† HYMN *"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" (All Verses)* Page 318

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

† HYMN *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (All Verses)* Page 575

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 115" Psalter 115^A*
Sung to the tune of: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (Verses 1,2)

RESPONSIVE READING: Heidelberg Catechism

WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN *"Old Rugged Cross" (Verses 1,2,4)* Page 327

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"The Magnitude of God's Mercy" Matthew 5:1-7

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"What a Day That Will Be" (All Verses)* Page 762

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.
 We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,
 learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!*



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith

OUR MISSION
 TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
 EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.



THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE
 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 Genesis 2:15-3:7 • Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 5:1-7 • Psalm 32

WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical guidelines for unalterable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>LAST SUNDAY: 160</p>		GIVING REPORT	
		<i>Week Ending February 19, 2023</i>	
<p>Are you interested in Church Membership?</p> <p>We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining our Church family, please see Pastor Kler today.</p>		\$4,485	
		Sunday General Giving	2,892
		Online General Giving	481
		Total General Gifts	3,373
		Less 3% to Building	-101
		Less 10% to Missions	-338
		Net General	2,934
		Designated Giving	
		Building Maintenance	271
		Flowers	25
		Gals	225
		Strawberry Festival	672
Missions	358		
Total Designated Giving	1,551		
Net General	2,934		
Designated Giving	1,551		
Total Receipts	\$4,485		

The Christian year centers on the significant events of salvation history, celebrating Jesus' birth, death, resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Specific seasons within its framework emphasize these aspects of Christ's life.

What is Lent ?

Lent is the time that reflects the 40 days that Jesus was in the desert fasting before the beginning of his ministry.



The season of Lent (which began last Wednesday) refers to the forty days leading up to Easter. The Lenten season is set aside for self-examination, spiritual renewal, and growth. It is seen as a time for fasting and abstinence, alms-giving, and acts of mercy, repentance, and prayer.

The practice of Lent arose in the early Church in a "missional context." It was a pastoral innovation for a time much like ours, where vast numbers of people did not grow up in the Church and needed instruction in the faith. Lent provided a time for the Christian instruction of persons in preparation for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday. However, through the course of church history, the human compulsion to try to save ourselves crept into the observance of Lent. Just like pharisaical law in Jesus' day, the practice of Lent turned toward legalism as the Roman Catholic, and Orthodox churches began mandating particular practices. Naturally, this became a slippery slope, confusing the purpose of Lent with the idea that one's works made it possible to earn favor with God. However, as one commentator said, "Practicing spiritual disciplines does not make us Christians. Instead, the practicing teaches us what it means to live as Christians." I think the same applies to our Lenten observance - it's entirely voluntary; what we do during Lent does not save us. Instead, what we do during these next 40 days gives us the space to mature in our faith as we reflect on the magnitude of God's gift of salvation. So, whether we give up something for the next 40 days or decide to develop a new spiritual discipline, Lent invites us to prepare our hearts to remember Jesus' passion and celebrate His resurrection even as we look to the certainty of His glorious return.

*So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31*

**ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE**



If you have difficulty hearing during Worship, please see one of our Sound Booth Technicians before the service begins.



The Chancel Flowers Are Placed by:

Ric & Emmy Romyn
in honor of Emmy's Birthday



Frank Gallup
in loving memory of his wife Kay

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2023

GAL's Meeting..... Monday, March 6th at 12:30
Guy's Lunch..... Thursday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m.
Board Meeting..... Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m.
5th Annual Chili Cook~Off Set-Up..... Saturday, March 18th at 3:00 p.m.
(Ticket required. Food served at 4:00 p.m.)

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday Bible Study..... Weekly at 4:00 p.m.



**DR. DAVID GUNDERSON, SPECIALIST
IN ADDING INSULT TO INJURY**

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<https://fcczh.breezechms.com/give/online>

~OR~

Give via text message by texting the amount, you would like to give to
(813) 553-5717

THE ELDERS TEACHING & WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Senior Pastor / L.F.O.C. Chaplain

Rev. John O. Strauss
Worship Leader / Minister of Music

THE DIACONATE Jim Leitzke, Gary Hatrick

OUR MUSICIANS
Dee Schults, Ann Dantuma
Pianist/Organist

Donna Zenisek-Huber Flutist

SOUND BOOTH
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

THE BOARD YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED
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FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS
...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



*Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.*

Matthew 5:7

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