

LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Psalm 100
Trinity Hymnal 821

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Trinity Hymnal 457

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*HYMN OF REJOICING

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Trinity Hymnal 455 st. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister

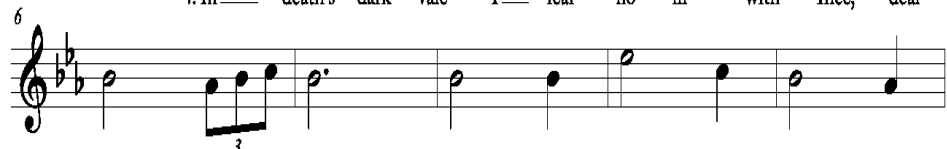
Ezekiel 34:11-16
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)*



1. The ___ King of love my Shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ___ ran - somed
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but ___ yet in
4. In ___ death's dark vale I ___ fear no ill with Thee, dear



fail - eth ___ nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He ___ lead - eth, and, where the ver - dant
love He ___ sought me. And on His shoul - der
LORD, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my



I am His and He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed
Trinity Hymnal 845

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Minister

* = Please stand if able.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

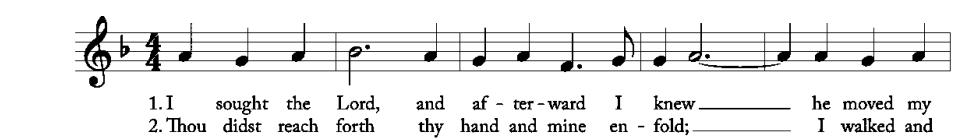
Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
Text: Trinity Hymnal 473

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison) Trinity Hymnal 731

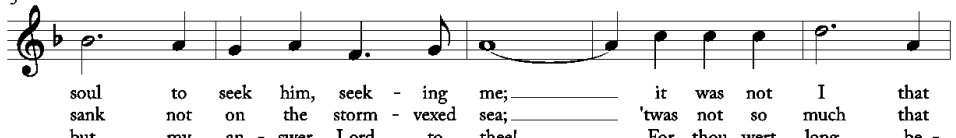
PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Today, Salvation Has Come* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 19:1-10 (Pew Bible, 878)

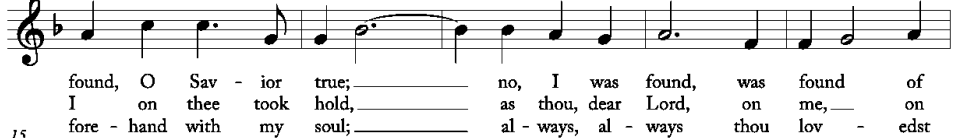
***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew*



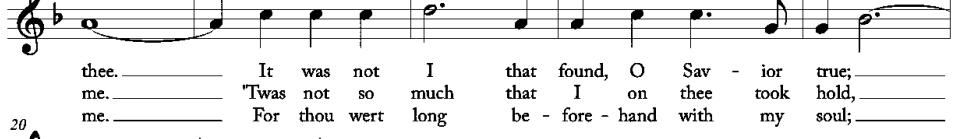
1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew ___ he moved my
2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; ___ I walked and
3. I find, I walk, I love; but O the whole ___ of love is



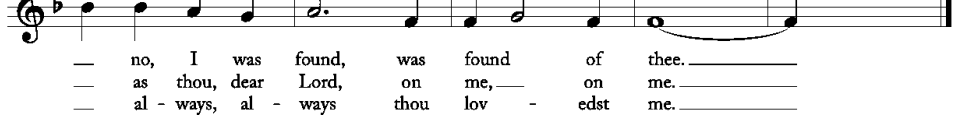
soul to seek him, seek - ing me; ___ it was not I that
sank not on the storm - vexed sea; ___ 'twas not so much that
but my an - swer, Lord, to thee! ___ For thou wert long be -



found, O Sav - ior true; ___ no, I was found, was found of
I on thee took hold, ___ as thou, dear Lord, on me, ___ on
fore - hand with my soul; ___ al - ways, al - ways thou lov - edst



thee. ___ It was not so much that found, O Sav - ior true; ___
me. ___ 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold, ___
me. ___ For thou wert long be - fore - hand with my soul; ___



___ no, I was found, was found of thee. ___
___ as thou, dear Lord, on me, ___ on me. ___
___ al - ways, al - ways thou lov - edst me. ___

***BENEDICTION** (Responsive) Numbers 6:24-26

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Introduction

I. The Seeker Who Was Sought

II. The Sinner Who Was Saved

III. The Salvation That Was Seen

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith! We are thankful that you have come to worship the true and living God with us. Our worship service, in essence, is a covenant renewal ceremony in which the covenant community gathers to hear the covenant promises, which have been secured for us by Christ, and respond in faith. The congregation is not a passive but active participant in the worship service.

If you are visiting with us this morning, please complete a visitor’s card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory so that we may have a record of your visit.

Paraments: Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Green is displayed during “ordinary time” which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

July 26th Nursery Volunteers
Worship Service — Patti Sanchez, Sophia Perillo, and Haley Zimmer

The Midweek: We will meet August 5th and resume our regular schedule September 9th.

Choir: We will meet August 5th and resume our regular schedule September 9th.

Membership: Are you interested in becoming a member? The Session will be conducting membership interviews on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Please email Jacob if you would like to schedule an interview.

Women in the Church Summer Fellowship: Join us Thursday, August 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall while we beat the heat for a time of brunch and fellowship. Young moms can bring your kids along with their scooters or balance bikes to ride while we visit. Food will be provided.

Summer Vespers: Join us August 9th at 5:00 p.m. for the second service in our Summer Vespers series, “Prayers of the Church.” This evening of worship will feature hymns based on prayers and Scripture that have been part of the church’s liturgy for centuries, along with hymns and psalms that are, at their heart, prayers of praise, confession, and supplication. Led by members of Covenant, this more informal service will also include spoken prayers and psalm readings. If you enjoy the music of Sandra McCracken, Indelible Grace, or the Gettys, you’ll want to join us for this special evening of song.

Missional Focus of the Week: RUF Arkansas—University of Arkansas Reformed University Fellowship campus ministry

Cry Room and Nursery Available: Parents, if your baby begins to fuss or cry, we have resources available for you and your child: a nursery (for children up to 36 mos.) and “cry rooms” are available, outfitted with service audio, downstairs in rooms 1, 2, & 7.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – July 19 th : \$10,871	General fund giving (YTD): \$597,322
Designated giving: \$1,371	Designated giving (YTD): \$8,397
Total giving: \$12,242	Total giving (YTD): \$605,720

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Lord’s Day, July 26, 2026
10:30 A.M.

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night” (Psalm 92:1,2)

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