

Reflection

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.” – 1 Peter 4:12-14

“And the world makes the Christian suffer because it instinctively recognizes that the latter belongs to a different, to an opposite order of things than itself. The malice of the world springs from reservations that the believer should refuse to identify himself with the world.” – Geerhardus Vos

Musical Reflection

Fear Not, O Little Flock (sung by musicians)

Fear not, O little flock, the foe who madly seeks your overthrow; dread not his rage and pow'r: what though your courage sometimes faints, his seeming triumph o'er God's saints lasts but a little hour.	As true as God's own Word is true, nor earth nor hell with all their crew against us shall prevail. A jest and byword are they grown; God is with us, we are his own; our vict'ry cannot fail.
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ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Doxology

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

Call to Worship

from Psalm 42

Minster (vv. 1-2): As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

People (vv. 3-4): My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymns of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #296
Crown Him with Many Crowns #295

Dedicatory Statement of Belgic Confession

Authored by Guido de Bres

The banishments, prisons, racks, exiles, tortures and countless other persecutions plainly demonstrate that our desire and conviction is not carnal, for we would lead a far easier life if we did not embrace and maintain this doctrine. But having the fear of God before our eyes, and being in dread of the warning of Jesus Christ, who tells us that he shall forsake us before God and his Father if we deny him before men, we suffer our backs to be beaten, our tongues to be cut, our mouths to be gagged and our whole body to be burnt, for we know that he who would follow Christ must take up his cross and deny himself.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

Hebrews 2:17-18

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hymn of Response

Nothing but the Blood #307

RENEWING OUR FAITH

Scripture Reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Amen!

John 15:18-27

(Pew Bible p.902)

Belgic Confession

Article 27

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects. And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small to human eyes—as though it were snuffed out. For example, during the very dangerous time of Ahab the Lord preserved for himself seven thousand who did not bend their knees to Baal. And so this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

Hymn of Preparation

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide #402

At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Dustyn Eudaly, Senior Minister

Acts 12 — The Church under Siege...Again

(Pew Bible p. 920)

RESPONDING IN THANKS

Musical Reflection

The Son of God Goes Forth to War
(sung by musicians)

1. The Son of God goes forth to war,
a kingly crown to gain;
his blood-red banner streams afar:
who follows in his train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe,
triumphant over pain,
who patient bears his cross below,
he follows in his train.
2. The martyr first, whose eagle eye
could pierce beyond the grave,
who saw his Master in the sky,
and called on him to save;
like him, with pardon on his tongue
in midst of mortal pain,
he prayed for them that did the wrong:
who follows in his train?
3. A glorious band, the chosen few
on whom the Spirit came,
twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
and mocked the cross and flame:
they met the tyrant's brandished steel,
the lion's gory mane;
they bowed their necks the death to feel:
who follows in their train?
4. A noble army, men and boys,
the matron and the maid,
around the Savior's throne rejoice,
in robes of light arrayed:
they climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
to follow in their train.

Collection of Offering

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #92

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated COVID Seating Update — Both the right side of the balcony (facing the pulpit), and the back half of the section of pews in line with the piano are designated for those who wish to wear masks and/or social distance. All other seating in the Sanctuary remains normal. Please continue to use wisdom as you interact and let us know if we can be helpful in any way.

Stewardship Report — Operating Account as of August 20, 2021

Budgeted Receipts	\$672,689
Actual Receipts	<u>\$445,554</u> (66% of budget)
Shortfall	(\$227,135)

The amount needed to meet the annual budget of \$1,041,567 is \$596,013.

Please pray for the Lord to provide for our financial needs as a congregation; he has been so faithful to us across so many areas of our church's life.

THIS WEEK! Fall Bible Studies — We will resume our men's and women's studies on the book of Hebrews **this Tuesday, August 24th and Friday, August 27th**. Materials for the study are available TODAY in the Courtyard. **Childcare available for both Tuesday studies; please RSVP to Holly McCollough.*

Move-Up Sunday — Children will age up on **Sunday, September 12th** for both Sunday School and Sunday evening classes. This includes Covenant Kids class!

Membership Introductions and Vow Renewal — New members will be recognized on **Sunday, September 12th** during the worship service. We will also take this time as current members to renew our membership vows together, given our particular moment in the life of this church. In preparation for this important time together, please reflect prayerfully on the membership vows which can be found on cards located at the Sanctuary exits.

Fall Sunday School — Beginning Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 am

New Members Class: We will offer a 7-week class led by the elders for those interested in membership at Holy Trinity. Please RSVP to Emma Beth Fisher (efisher@htpctampa.org) if you plan to attend.

Social Justice Assessed Biblically: Is American history "a tragedy in three acts: what we did to the Indians, what we did to the African-Americans, and what we did to everyone else"? How should a Christian boldly stand for justice and think rightly about oppression both past and present? How can the church escape the snare of deceitful philosophies such as Critical Race Theory while remaining humbly aware of the need to take the log out of our own eye? We will consider these important questions that have arisen in the midst of our chaotic times and the biblical testimony that addresses them.

Tuesday After School Arts Program and Family Chapel — Beginning **Tuesday, September 14th**, we will resume our weekly chapel and arts and music classes. We will begin each week with a 30-minute chapel service at 3:30 pm followed by our arts and music classes for students K-5th Grade. We are excited to be studying the traditional art and music from countries around the world this semester! Classes conclude at 5:30 pm each week. Please contact Emma Beth Fisher (efisher@htpctampa.org) to register.

