

## Reflection

“A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. These two theses seem to contradict each other. If, however, they should be found to fit together they would serve our purpose beautifully. Both are Paul's own statements, who says in I Cor. 9[:19], "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all," and in Rom. 13[:8], "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Love by its very nature is ready to serve and be subject to him who is loved. So Christ, although he was Lord of all, was "born of woman, born under the law" [Gal. 4:4], and therefore was at the same time a free man and a servant, "in the form of God" and "of a servant" [Phil. 2:6–7].”

— Martin Luther

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## ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

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### 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 Philippians 2

Minister (v. 6): [Christ Jesus], who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**People (vv. 7-8): but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Minister (v. 9): Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**All (v. 10-11): so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

**Hymns of Praise** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #295  
*And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #455

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## CONFESSING OUR SIN

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### Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Comfort and Promise

John 15:12-14

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

Romans 5:7-8

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Hymn of Response

*Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless*

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| 1. Who is this, so weak and helpless,<br>Child of lowly Hebrew maid,<br>Rudely in a stable sheltered,<br>Coldly in a manger laid?<br>'Tis the Lord of all creation,<br>Who this wondrous path has trod;<br>He is Lord from everlasting,<br>And to everlasting God. | 2. Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,<br>Walking sadly life's hard way,<br>Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping<br>Over sin and Satan's sway?<br>'Tis our God, our glorious Savior,<br>Who above the starry sky<br>Is for us a place preparing,<br>Where no tear can dim the eye. |
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3. Who is this? Behold him shedding  
Drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected,  
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces  
On His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy vengeance  
All His foes beneath His throne.

Words by William Walsham How, Music by Christopher Miner

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## RENEWING OUR FAITH

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### Westminster Confession of Faith

20:1-2 Of Christian Liberty,  
and Liberty of Conscience

1. The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

2. God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are, in anything, contrary to his Word; or beside it, if matters of faith, or worship. So that, to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commands, out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience: and the requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also.

### Scripture Reading

Romans 14

Reader: The Word of the Lord (Pew Bible p. 948)  
**People: Amen!**

### Hymn of Preparation

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior* #644

*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

Dustyn Eudaly, Minister

Acts 23:1; 24:16; 1 Corinthians 8 — “Brotherly Love toward the Weak Conscience”  
(Pew Bible p. 956)

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## RESPONDING IN THANKS

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### Musical Reflection

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (Sung by musicians)

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| 1. Blest be the tie that binds<br>our hearts in Christian love;<br>the fellowship of kindred minds<br>is like to that above. | 2. Before the Father's throne<br>we pour our ardent prayers;<br>our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,<br>our comforts and our cares. |
| 3. We share our mutual woes,<br>our mutual burdens bear,<br>and often for each other flows<br>the sympathizing tear.         | 4. When we asunder part,<br>it gives us inward pain;<br>but we shall still be joined in heart,<br>and hope to meet again.              |

4. Who is this that hangs there dying  
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors,  
Torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
Tis our God Who lives forever  
Mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden city,  
Reigning everlastingly.

5. This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives  
and longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

### Collection of Offering

### Closing Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #529

### Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missions Lunch** — Join us **TODAY** after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for a time to hear a report from our Honduras missions team! If you are new, please join us as this is a great way to get to know others in our congregation. We have plenty of food!

**No Morning or Evening Ministries** — We do not have Sunday School or evening ministries on **Sunday, August 28th** (today) or **next Sunday, September 4th**.

**Thank You from the Leitners** — Dear Congregation, We had such a fun time last Sunday night! We are truly overwhelmed by the kindness and graciousness of God to provide this congregation for us. Tampa has felt like home; we are so blessed with the way everyone has supported us and invested in us. We cannot thank you enough for coming together to celebrate our marriage and provide a gift for us. After praying together for Caroline's job on Sunday night, she received an offer on Monday morning for a pediatric clinic! This job allows for Caroline to worship every Sunday with the congregation which meant everything to us. This is something we have prayed about for months, and we are amazed at God's kindness to provide a job the day after we all asked Him for it! He is truly the giver of every good and perfect gift.

**Fall Kickoff** — We will highlight and pray for our new Fall ministries at **9:00 am** (note the earlier start time) on **Sunday, September 11th**.

**Congregational Meeting** — Please join us after morning worship on **Sunday, September 11th** for a congregational meeting; the Session will update the church on how things are developing in our various ministries and ways that people can pray and involve themselves. We will also have a time for the congregation to ask questions. Pray that the Lord will continue to build up a true church of Jesus Christ in our midst.

**Sunday Night Science Exploration** — Inspired by our recent VBS Science Camp, we want to embark upon a church-wide venture to study God's world together. Adults and children will gather four consecutive Sunday evenings beginning **September 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm**. More details to come!

**After School Arts Program** — We will begin our third year of our arts and music classes for children Kindergarten through 5th grade on **Tuesday, September 13th from 3:30-5:30 pm**. Please invite friends! You can register on our website or by contacting Sarah Fisher.

**Fall Bible Studies** — Men and women will begin meeting for Bible study **Tuesday, September 13th**. The men will study Jeremiah Burroughs' *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment* (6:30 pm) and the women will study 1 & 2 Peter (10:00 am and 6:30 pm). Childcare will be provided on Tuesday evenings. Books and sign-up sheets are available **today** in the Courtyard.

**Fall Sunday School** — Our Adult class will study John Owen's *Mortification of Sin* this Fall beginning **Sunday, September 18th at 9:15 am**. Reading for the first class can be picked up **today** in the Courtyard; books are on backorder but will be in soon.

**New Members Class** — We will begin our seven-week New Members Class during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am) **Sunday, September 18th**. This class will be taught by the Elders and is intended to provide you with an opportunity to get to know our leadership as we seek to provide you with a clear understanding of the identity of our church. We desire to have a unified vision of church life under the authority of God's Word and are committed to warm, vibrant orthodoxy in life and doctrine under our common Chief Shepherd. RSVP to Sarah Fisher ([sfisher@htpctampa.org](mailto:sfisher@htpctampa.org)). See below for details about our upcoming Visitor's Lunch following the service on the first day of this class.

**Visitors Lunch** — If you are newer to Holy Trinity, we warmly invite you to join us **Sunday, September 18th** for a fellowship lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall to get to know others in our church as well as some of our leadership. Please RSVP to Sarah Fisher in the church office ([sfisher@htpctampa.org](mailto:sfisher@htpctampa.org)).



**Acts 23:1; 24:16; 1 Corinthians 8 "Brotherly Love toward the Weak Conscience"**

1. Paul expressed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.

2. The problem in Corinth: Christians with a \_\_\_\_\_ refused to eat meat \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; Christians with a \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

**WELCOME**

**HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Our theological standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, all of which are subordinate to our only ultimate rule of faith and practice, God's Word (the Old and New Testament Scriptures).

**We are glad you are worshiping with us today.** We invite you to join us for refreshments in the courtyard immediately following the morning worship service.

**Let us know how we may pray for you.** Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church will confidentially pray for these requests.

**We welcome the participation of children in our worship service.** This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-3: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- Pre-K-K5 Grade: dismissed to the nursery before the sermon

**MEETING TIMES**

**Sundays:** 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service  
 6:00 pm .....Evening Worship and Prayer, Covenant Kids class, High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

**Small Groups** meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, [htpctampa.org](http://htpctampa.org).

**Thursdays @ 5:30 pm.** Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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