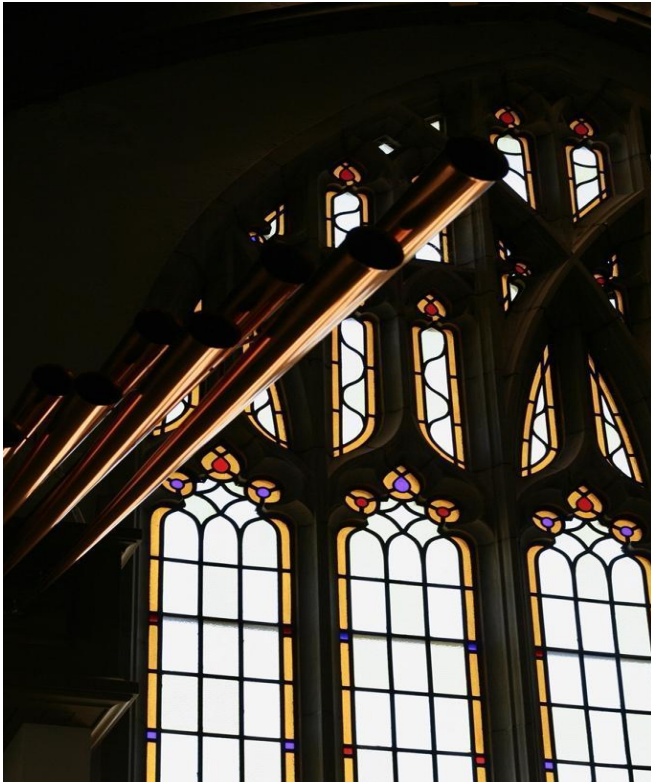


May 8, 2022 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Reverend Brian Suggs
Leslie Morra

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ:

All: **he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

All: **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

A candle is lit.

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Eternal God, source of all blessing,
help us to worship you
with all our heart and mind and strength;
for you alone are God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

Who Am I

Casting Crowns

Bible Reading:
Psalm 103:1-6,8-12

Let all that I am praise the Lord;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.

**He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.**

He fills my life with good things.
My youth is renewed like the eagle's!
The Lord gives righteousness
and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

**The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.**

He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.
He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

**For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.**

Bible Reading:
1 Peter 1:3-9, 18-21

Reader: A reading from Peter's first letter.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:
The Reverend Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:
*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during
'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

All: **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Song of Praise:
Servant King
Graham Kendrick

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

In joy and hope we pray.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,
work, or shelter.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine
may cease through all the world.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying, to comfort, strengthen, and
heal them.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he would forgive us our sins and create in us clean hearts.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,

so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace:
*Just as we've made peace with God through confession,
this is an opportunity to make peace with one another.
You're invited to greet one another.*

Leader: The risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand.
He is the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Communion:

Leader: The Lord is here.

People: **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but
came to meet us in your Son.

All: **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader: In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All: **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Leader: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All: **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this
bread and this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

All: **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward. Those who are baptised can extend
their hands to receive the bread. Those not yet baptised can cross
their arms over their chest to receive a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion:

All: **Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song of Praise:
Goodness of God
Bethel Music

Closing Prayer:

All: **Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a
servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our
salvation:
give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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