

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Sunday, August 31, 2025



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches
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"We are a community of churches and a church to the community."

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

SONG: *Bless Him Some More*

Verse 1

As I follow You
I know everything will be alright
As I come to You
I know You'll make everything alright

Verse 2

The weapon may be formed
I know that it will not prosper
Surrounded on all sides
But my God has already won the fight

Hook

You traded joy
Joy for my pain
You pulled my life
Out of the grave

I will lay down
All sorrow and shame
Raise up my voice
And lift up a praise

Chorus

I will bless the Lord
I will bless the Lord
With everything that is within me

I will bless the Lord
I will bless the Lord
and when I think I'm done
I'm gonna bless Him some more

Verse 1

Hook

You traded joy
Joy for my pain
You pulled my life
Out of the grave

I will lay down
All sorrow and shame
Raise up my voice
And lift up a praise

Chorus

Bridge

I've been redeemed
I've been set free
In the name of Jesus
I have victory

I've been redeemed
I've been set free
In the name of Jesus
I have victory

I've been redeemed
I've been set free
In the name of Jesus
I have victory

Chorus

SONG: *How Great is our God*

Verse 1

The splendor of a King,
clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Verse 2

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

SONG: *Here as in Heaven*

Verse 1

The atmosphere is changing now
For the Spirit of the Lord is here
The evidence is all around
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

The atmosphere is changing now
For the Spirit of the Lord is here
The evidence is all around
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

Chorus

Overflow in this place
Fill our hearts with Your love
Your love surrounds us

You're the reason we came
To encounter Your love
Your love surrounds us!

Verse 1

Chorus

Overflow in this place
Fill our hearts with Your love
Your love surrounds us

You're the reason we came
To encounter Your love
Your love surrounds us! ***Repeat***

Bridge

Spirit of God fall fresh on us
We need Your presence
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
Here as in heaven

Spirit of God fall fresh on us
We need Your presence
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
Here as in heaven

Spirit of God fall fresh on us
We need Your presence
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
Here as in heaven!

Verse 2

A miracle can happen now
For the Spirit of the Lord is here
The evidence is all around
That the Spirit of the Lord is here

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the **Church Pop Up Choir** as we rehearse after worship on September 14th and sing on September 28th during worship (rehearse prior to worship).
- **First Evangelical Church Council** meets after worship on September 14th.
- The **Centennial Committee** will meet on September 7th and 28th after worship to continue planning for our 100th Anniversary! We are still looking for more volunteers willing to help with the Anniversary Sunday, April 12, 2026.
- **Conniston Middle School** is in need of the following items to be donated so they can hand them out to students in need. The need is ASAP but no exact deadline as they get dispersed throughout the school year.
Mesh Backpacks (clear or mesh fabric) - Glue Sticks
Notebooks with lined paper - Pencil Pouches
- Help feed a friend with our **Food Drive** this summer! Dry goods are being collected at the back of the church and given to the Palm Beach County Food Bank. Please, **NO GLASS** items. So far Jhadha delivered a total of **264 pounds** of food this summer, helping to provide over **231 nutritious meals** to families, children, seniors and individuals in need throughout Palm Beach County. **This mission project concludes today!** Thank you, everyone!
- Join us for a **delicious lunch** following worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - *Happy Dance*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The elementary-aged children are excused for **Sunday School class**.*

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

⁶ So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:8-10

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.


SERMON

Pastor Dr. Michael Breznen

HYMN: *"I've Got Peace Like a River", Pastor Dan with guitar*




1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul;
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain,
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Everlasting Father,

C: We confess how we have not lived as your people.

**We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—
yet find no hope in them.**

**We hear the cries of the poor,
and shut the doors of our hearts to them.**

We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

**Forgive us, our compassionate God,
and heal us of our brokenness.**

**Make us well, so that by our healing,
we might be the hope and love others need in their lives,
even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
brought these gifts to us,
calling us to be faithful
with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.**

P: Now that we have let go of the pain,
the bitterness, the anger of our lives,
let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other,
forgiving as God has forgiven us.

**C: We are God's beloved children,
and will model God's grace and love in our hearts.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.**

THE OFFERING

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THE PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SONG: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION – CONTINUOUS FORMAT *(Silence is appreciated)*

We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians	CAC-WPB	CAC-WPB
Lector	Karina Baker	Vince Burkhardt

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Dylan Bauer; Patty Krauss; John Ackerman; Frank Eddie, Lesley Hogan** (friend of Katherine Summers); **Kirk, Leona, Lisa & Don, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David S., Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, Patrick and Christopher, George & Susan Butz** (Sera’s parents); **Linda Zier** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Cyndy Sellari** – for healing; **Joan Cannon** – health issues; and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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