

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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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

OPENING SONG: “ *Open the Eyes of my Heart* ”

Verse:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Chorus:

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Verse: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat 3x

Holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to see you

SONG: "Same God"

Verse:

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the same thing for me
For me, for me

Chorus:

O God, my God, I need You
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness

Verse 2:

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

Chorus:

O God, my God, I need You
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now, yes
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness

O God, my God, I need You (I need You Lord)
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now, yeah
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness

It's your faithfulness I'm standing on
Never changes, never changes

Bridge:

You heard Your children then
You hear Your children now
You are the same God
You are the same God

You answered prayers back then
And You will answer now
You are the same God
You are the same God
You were providing then
You are providing now
You are the same God (You are the same)
You are the same God
You moved in power then
God, move in power now
You are the same God
You are the same God
You were a healer then
You are a healer now
You are the same God
You are the same God
You were a savior then
You are a savior now
You are the same God
You are the same God

Chorus:

O God, my God, I need You (lift it up)
O God, my God, I need You now (how we need You now)

How I need You now (we stand in faithfulness)
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
Oh, on Your faithfulness
O God, my God, I need You
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now (oh-oh)
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness, God

You freed the captives then
You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God
You are the same God

You touched the lepers then
I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God
You are the same God
I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty River, come and fill me again
Come and fill me again
Come and fill me again

SONG: *“Waymaker”*

Verse

You are here, moving in our midst I worship You I worship You You are here,
working in this place I worship You I worship You

Chorus

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is
who You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My
God, that is who You are

Verse 2:

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You
I worship You

Chorus:

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is
who You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My
God, that is who You are

Pre Bridge:

That is who You are x4

Bridge: x3

Even when I don't see it, You're working Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working You never stop, You never stop working

Chorus:

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper Light in the darkness My God, that is
who You are - Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to worship** with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We pray you experience God's love and grace in worship today. Please join us after worship for a delicious **lunch** in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will have a special **Playground Dedication Service** after worship today! It was installed recently and will be a blessing to our youth. Check it out!
- **Holy Cross Church Council** will meet on **September 6th** after worship, with a **Special Church Congregational** meeting on **September 13th** after worship, *all* Holy Cross members are encouraged to attend.
- Thank you for taking part in our **“Back to School Supplies Drive”** for Conniston Middle School. Items were delivered this past week to provide kids the things they need to learn throughout the school year.
- Join us for a **Special Sunday Cultural Meal** on September 6th after worship, featuring an Ecuadorian beef stew, prepared by the Luzuriagga family. **RSVP** by September 1st. Sign-up at the back of church. *A freewill offering received.*
- Join us for a new 10 week **Bible Study** starting **September 16th**. **“See Through the Scriptures”** makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for ordering materials. Meet in chapel Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Come for a very special time of **Music & Testimony with Dr Elihana Elia**, on September 20th during morning worship. Elihana is passionate about creating inspirational music with messages of faith in the G-d of Israel, hope and love for this generation. She serves in ministry with her mother Dr. Hadassah and her brother, Israel, in teaching and Jewish outreach ministry through *FRONTLINE ISRAEL; Restore Israel and the Nations*.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ Lord, you understand;
remember me and care for me.
Avenge me on my persecutors.
You are long-suffering—do not take me away;
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.
¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name,
Lord God Almighty.
¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers,
never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me
and you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unending
and my wound grievous and incurable?
You are to me like a deceptive brook,
like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Lord says:

“If you repent, I will restore you
that you may serve me;
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,
you will be my spokesman.
Let this people turn to you,
but you must not turn to them.
²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people,
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you
but will not overcome you,
for I am with you
to rescue and save you,”
declares the Lord.
²¹ “I will save you from the hands of the wicked
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Daniel Baker

VIDEO

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

THE OFFERING

***Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church.
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First Evangelical churches.***

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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 Hosts

Heaven and Earth Are full of Your Glory!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! (Hosanna!) In the Highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER - *(Sung acapella by all)*

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.

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.

AARONIC BLESSING IN HEBREW & ENGLISH

P: “The LORD bless you and keep you,
Y’varech’cha Adonai v’yeesh’m’reicha.

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”
Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v’yasem l’cha shalom.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Let us go and play in the playground!

C: Thanks be to God.

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

P: We gather this afternoon in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to dedicate this playground. What is the purpose of this playground? To PLAY, LEARN, and GROW! We seek the Lord’s blessing upon this space, praying that it will be a delight and joy for all who use it.

C: We dedicate this playground for the children here now, and for future generations. We dedicate it for physical movement and for making friends, for creativity, laughter, and joy. We dedicate it for practicing *the Fruit of the Spirit*: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We dedicate it for the glory of God.

P: May this playground be blessed by those who touch it and move on it and who watch others play on it. May this space be blessed in the joy of play, friends, and family, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

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.

Serving in Worship

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

	This Week	Next Week
Musicians / Singers	CAC-WPB	Sandra Baran
Lector	Cheryl Richter	Katherine Summers
Ushers	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

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. **The Family & Friends of Carol Roberts**– may her memory forever be a song in your heart.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Nick, Jamie, Elihana, Debbie Ann, Saul & Martha, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick, Lesley, Linda, Joan** and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church families** who are at home and unable to attend.

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