

Live. Speak. Serve.

LIBERTI CHURCH



We seek to live, speak, and serve
as the very presence of Jesus
for Philadelphia's historic Main Line
and surrounding communities.

a congregation of the Liberti Network
and the Reformed Church in America

Welcome

Welcome to Liberti Church Main Line and thank you for joining us! We hope that you'll be able to connect with God, God's mission, and other people here this morning. We seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Philadelphia's historic Main Line and surrounding communities. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy**—our three core values.

Bathrooms are located down the main hallway on the left.

Kids at Liberti: Nursery (for ages 0-2 years) is available throughout the service and is located on the main hallway of the adjoining Parish Hall. A preschool class (ages 3 to kindergarten) and an elementary class (1st-4th grade) are available during the sermon. Children are dismissed during the announcements. The preschool (room L-14) and elementary (room L-1/L-2) classes are on the lower level of the Parish Hall. A greeter would be happy to escort you to the nursery or preschool. Check-in is available at the main entry. Please note that the preschool children may take a play break on the outdoor playground, weather permitting. ***All of our Liberti Kids workers and volunteers complete background clearances.***

Gathering Before God

May 26th, 2024

Trinity Sunday[†]

Prelude/Communion

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Opening Sentence and Greeting

Psalm 124:8

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

Welcome and Preparation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

People: **To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

*Prayer of Invocation

**Please stand, if able.*

[†] *We are now in the period of "Ordinary Time" in our liturgical calendar. This season is the longest of the year and falls between other major commemorations in the life of the church. Ordinary Time reminds us that even though much of our lives are, in fact, ordinary—as it was as well for Jesus!—yet we mark these days as occurring in our Lord's world and in our Lord's time.*

***O Come To The Altar**

Bridge:

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

Chorus:

*O come to the altar,
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,
Come today there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

[Chorus 2x]

[Bridge]

[Chorus 2x]

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-2

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Prayer of Confession

People: **Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you 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 Christ our Lord; Amen.**

Silent Confession

Song of Response

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father; Glory be to the Son; Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, it will be forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

***Words of Pardon**

based on Psalm 81.6-7

Leader: God relieves us of our burdens, and rescues us in our distress;
in Christ, we are forgiven!

***Jesus I Come**

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Spotlight Announcement

(Announcements can be found on page 13)

***Passing the Peace**

At this time, children may leave for the preschool (ages 3-6) and elementary (1st-4th grade) classes in the classrooms downstairs.

The Word of God

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:19-30 (CSB)

Now I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon so that I too may be encouraged by news about you. ²⁰ For I have no one else like-minded who will genuinely care about your interests; ²¹ all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know his proven character, because he has served with me in the gospel ministry like a son with a father. ²³ Therefore, I hope to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ I am confident in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.

²⁵ But I considered it necessary to send you Epaphroditus—my brother, coworker, and fellow soldier, as well as your messenger and minister to my need — ²⁶ since he has been longing for all of you and was distressed because you heard that he was sick. ²⁷ Indeed, he was so sick that he nearly died. However, God had mercy on him, and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ For this reason, I am very eager to send him so that you may rejoice again when you see him and I may be less anxious. ²⁹ Therefore, welcome him in the Lord with great joy and hold people like him in honor, ³⁰ because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up what was lacking in your ministry to me.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Christ-Formed Workers”

Matt Harmon

Series: Philippians—Living in Light of Resurrection Hope

***We Confess the Faith**

The Apostles Creed

Minister: Let us say what we believe.

People: **We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts now!
We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our saving God.
It is right and good, always and everywhere
To give thanks to the Lord.**

Minister: Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God. You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name, saying...

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.
The whole earth is full of Your glory,
Hosanna in the highest! (2x)**

Minister: Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith...

**Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.
Your rising celebrate!
Your coming Lord we await, to make all things new. (2x)**

Minister: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things in Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

**Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, Our God the Three in One.**

Words of Institution

Response

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Holy Communion

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayers For Reflection

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for those searching for truth... Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief... Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of commitment... Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Communion Song

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Prayers of the People

The person offering these prayers will pray on our behalf for the needs of our church, our city, and our world. After each prayer, we invite you to join together in the following response:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: Let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us:

People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Offering

You can contribute offerings online at libertimainline.org/give, or by using the QR code to the right.



Sending into God's World

***All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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All must be well

Benediction

Leader: May the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Sending

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

New to Liberti Main Line?

Thank you so much for joining us this Sunday! You can find us here in the fellowship hall at St. Mary's Episcopal every Sunday morning at 10:00am. If you would like to learn more about Liberti Main Line, you can scan the QR code.



Hive Lunch

Hive Students, Join Ty after the service on Sunday, June 9th for lunch!

Connect Lunch

Our last Connect Lunch before we take a break for the Summer will be Sunday, June 2nd! Plan to stay after and enjoy some food and fellowship.

Created for Connection: Couples Workshop

This May 31st-June 1st at CHVRCH Newtown Square, ServingLeaders Ministries will facilitate "Created For Connection," an interactive workshop based on life changing practices for couples. Whether your relationship is healthy, or whether you are experiencing disconnection and conflict, this powerful workshop will help you create deeper connection with your partner. Learn more and register at www.servingleaders.org/events.

Liberti Home Groups

We have three home groups that meet throughout the week. You can learn more on our group page on the website (libertimainline.org/groups).

Pentecost Prayer Guide

Join us in praying through the current Living Prayer Periodical by the Daily Prayer Project. You can grab a physical copy on Sunday Mornings or view the digital copy on the announcements page on the [website](#).

Liberti Glassboro Prayer Video

This month's prayer video is from Pastor Ted Jordan at Liberti Glassboro. Find the link to the video in the weekly email or on the announcement page of the [website](#)

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