

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIVING—We remain able to receive your tithing gifts either via mail to: FCF; 505 E. 42nd St; Baltimore, MD 21218 online or by placing gifts in the boxes adhered to the 1st and last pews of the church. Contact our accountant for further needs: accountant@fcfoffice.org. Thank you so much for your gifts. We remain because of the selfless sacrifice of this church family.

SAVORING GOD'S WORD—A workshop series for women to encourage the practice of regular meditating on Scripture takes place on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. There are two versions: one on Zoom (meeting June 30 and alternate Wednesdays through Aug 11) and one in person (meeting July 7 and alternate Wednesday through Aug 18). It is not necessary to be able to attend all sessions. For more information, including details on exact time and place, contact Martha MacIver at mmaciver@jhu.edu.

RECEPTION—Join us today following the 11am worship service as we honor and thank Rueben Amlalo for his work among us with the youth for the past 5 years. Rueben and his family will be relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina to take a position at a church. Join us in praying that God will bless them as they go.

THE INFANT FAITH FOUNDATION- formerly known as the Nursery, is reopening August 1st! We have given the ministry a new look including some new curriculum and more. If you feel God leading you to serve, in the Infant Faith Foundations Ministry or as a Sunday School Teacher starting in the Fall, please contact Wendy Pitts or Cindy Newton at: children@fcfchurch.org.



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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A full listing of all our servant leaders is available at the Connections Desk in the lobby.

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**Sunday, August 1, 2021
Order of Worship**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Elder, Michael Rading

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 68 (ESV) —Elder, Michael Rading

Leader: “Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

People: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary...he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!”

SONG OF PRAISE

CORPORATE PRAYER—Elder, Michael Rading

SONG OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Elder, Michael Rading

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Confessions

ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Elder, Michael Rading

Leader: Faith, Hear the Good News! We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Praise the Lord!

TITHES/OFFERINGS—Elder, Michael Rading

A Time for “Friends of Jesus” —KJ and Cindy Newton, Director of Children’s Ministry

SERMON: “Who Then Could Be a Disciple?” Luke 14:25-33 Rueben Amlalo**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

***Today we welcome Rueben Amlalo, Director of Youth as he preaches his last sermon for his time here with us. We pray all the best blessings to Rueben, Golda, and their children as they move to Charlotte North Carolina to take a new position at a church. We thank him for the 5 years he has been with us and working with our youth. Join us after the 11am service for a reception in his honor.*

Sermon Notes

“Who Then Could Be a Disciple?”

Luke 14:25-33

Elder, Ananda Kumar

25 “Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

A Prayer to Receive and Rest on Jesus Christ for Salvation

“Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Jesus, I thank you that you lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed by dying on the cross for me. Receive me now. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.”

If you have made a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation please let any member, usher or leader know so that we might assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.