



Wherever you are coming from, and wherever you are going, **you belong.**
Whatever your background, your race, or your ethnicity, **you belong.**
Whomever you love, whatever your sexual orientation, **you belong.**
Whatever your gender expression, **you belong.**
Whatever your nationality or legal status, **you belong.**
Whatever your abilities, **you belong.**
Whatever generation you come from, **you belong.**
Wherever you lay your head at night, **you belong.**
Whether you are a long-time Christian, spiritual seeker, or a doubter, **you belong.**
If you're here this morning, **you belong.**

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Find us on:  

July 28, 2024

Worship Celebration

July 28, 2024

10:30AM

Prelude

Alan Chavez, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Carla McIntire

Greeting Your Nearby Neighbor

***Opening Hymn** “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #414

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Come, let us worship the Lord, our firm foundation!

Many: **We come to praise and glorify His Name.**

One: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

Many: **In Him, we find strength and security.**

One: Let us build our lives on the solid rock of His Word.

Many: **We will trust in His promises and stand firm in our faith.**

One: Together, let us lift our voices in worship and thanksgiving.

Many: **For the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!**

Invocation and Lord’s Prayers (Unison)

Almighty God, we gather today to worship You, our firm foundation. You are the rock on which we stand, unshakable and eternal. As we come into Your Presence, we ask that You fill our hearts with Your Spirit. Guide us in our worship and help us to build our lives on the truth of Your Word. May our faith be strengthened, and our hearts be filled with Your peace. In Jesus’ Name, we pray the prayer that Jesus teaches His disciples saying... “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, the Power and the Glory forever.” Amen

Scripture Reading

Psalm 14:1–7

May the Lord bless us and help with
our understanding of these words

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:1–21

Message

“Knowing and Doing the Will of God”

By Rev. Doug Gray – Read by Carla McIntire

Sermon Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

#411

Joys and Concerns

Silent and Pastoral Prayers

Prayer Response (Unison)

#4

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me,
Bless God's holy name. Amen*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

#422

*Benediction (Unison)

Let us go out into the world as channels of peace and grace. We pray that God would strengthen us, so that we can hold onto what is good, and return no evil for evil. May our mission be to strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. As we love and serve the Lord together, may we discover the joy of living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

***Congregational Blessing** “God Be with You”

#716

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

***Postlude**

Congregation, please stand, if able.

Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts ~ The Outreach Board would like to thank **Marilyn Felkner and Cynthia Gray** for hosting Coffee Hour this week. If you would like to sign up to be a host or assist, a sign-up sheet is on one of the serving tables in the back of the room. We appreciate your help with Coffee Hour!

Bees Baseball Night – August 8 ~ FCC is organizing an outing to the Salt Lake Bees baseball game on Thursday, August 8. The game starts at 6:35pm. The Bees are playing the Las Vegas Aviators that night, and there will be a drone show following the game. We are purchasing a block along the first base line at a special group price of \$20 per ticket. **Let Kristi know before July 29** if you would like to join this fun, joint activity. Printed tickets will be provided at the gate. Details will be provided to those attending.

Men’s Breakfast ~ August 7 at 8am at Sharon’s Café – Conversations are always good, and the food is always tasty. Not all are members of the church, but all of us are trying to live lives marked by grace.

Women’s Breakfast ~ Ladies, mark your calendars! We are thrilled to invite you to a Women’s Breakfast on August 9 at 9am, we are meeting at Delice on State Street. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with one another. We will be making this a regular monthly event, held on the second Friday of every month, so if you can’t make this month, we hope to catch you next month. To RSVP please contact Cynthia Gray.

Weekly Calendar

August 4 – Camp Fellowship Sun.@10:30am
August 6 – Moderator Meeting@10am
August 6 – Outreach Meeting@11am
August 6 – Next Steps Meeting@1pm
August 7 – Men’s Breakfast@8am
August 8 – Trustees Meeting@2pm
August 8 – FCC/ASEC Bees Game Night
August 9 – Women’s Breakfast@9am

Looking Ahead

August 12-19 – Rev. Doug on Vacation
August 23 – Lay Leadership@5:30pm
August 26-Sept. 2 – Rev. Doug on Vacation

Hours for Kristi

Monday – Office Closed
Tuesday – In office 8:30am – 3pm
Wednesday – Utah Holiday Office Closed
Thursday – In office 8:30am – 3pm
Friday – Remote Hours

**Rev. Doug is at Camp Fellowship till
Friday, August 2**