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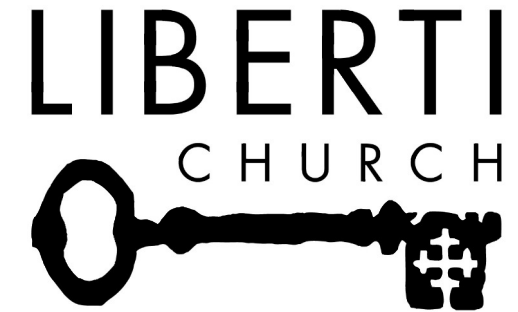
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Welcome

Welcome to Liberti Church Collingswood 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. As you've already seen from the cover of this worship folder, we seek to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs. We aspire to pursue this mission through the practice of **worship, community, and mercy** - our three core values.

Info Jaws! Unless you've done it before, please take a second to fill out one of our "Info Jaws" and drop it in an offering box in the foyer as you exit the building. This information is really helpful for us to have as we grow as a community.

Bathrooms are located down the steps from the rear sanctuary entrance and also out the front sanctuary entrance, at the top of the steps.

Nursing Mothers Room is located in Holy Trinity's chapel just outside the front entrance of the sanctuary. Follow the sign!

Liberti Kids First time? Please register your child by scanning the QR code and then check them in at a Check-In Station.

Infant Nursery: Birth - 23 months are invited to our Infant Nursery from 10:45 to the end of the service, down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary just past the main entrance. In case of need, a changing table is located here or in the Toddler Nursery.



Toddler Nursery: 2 years - PreK are welcome in our Toddler Nursery (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary) after the Passing of the Peace.

Primary: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade are invited to join our Primary class (located up the steps at the front of the sanctuary), which also starts after the Passing of the Peace.

Grades 4th & 5th: Liberti Bridge is a place for 4th and 5th graders to bridge the gap between Liberti Kids and Liberti Youth! Bridge meets Sunday evening from 6-8pm in the Liberti Kids wing.

Grades 6th - 12th: Liberti Youth A new year is right around the corner, if you're in middle school, high school, or the parent of someone in middle school or high school, all you need to do is text LY2024 to 856-329-7775. All of our updates this year will be through text so if you need to sign up to stay up to date!

Consistory The Consistory is made up of our elder and deacon boards. If you're in need of help (whether physical, spiritual, or mental) or simply want to talk to someone more about what our church believes, please reach out at consistory@liberti.org.

Upcoming Events

It's impossible for us to list everything that's going on at Liberti Church Collingswood, but here are a few things happening soon that we would like to highlight.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS, 2/23!

After a rather long nap, coffee hour is back! Kickoff will be Sunday February 23 from 10-11 in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity. We'll have coffee and an activity for kids. Come out and enjoy a time of fellowship with our community! This will be a monthly event.

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for our next slate of elder and deacon candidates as well as for the Nominating Committee itself! Go online for more info and to make a nomination. The window for nominations will remain open through Sunday, 2/23. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to Scott (scottflovin18@gmail.com), who serves as the committee chair.

DISCIPLESHIP @ LIBERTI COLLINGSWOOD

Our inaugural discipleship course on The Gospel-Centered Life will begin in March! Want to deepen your understanding of the Gospel and better apply it to your life? The Gospel-Centered Life is for you! Go online, or scan the QR code for more information and to sign up. Registration ends on February 9th! Time and location will be determined via survey to maximize participation. Contact Angel at angel@liberti.org with any questions!



SERVE WITH FOSTER THE FAMILY, 2/15

Once a month, Foster the Family offers "respite care" to foster and adoptive parents when they can drop off their kiddos for some free childcare and head out on their own. On Saturday, 2/15, Liberti Collingswood will help this cause! We're seeking folks aged 13 and older to serve on either a 10:30am to 2:30pm or 3:30pm to 7:30pm shift at Sovereign Grace Church in Marlton (111 W. Greentree Rd. Marlton, NJ 08053) as part of the team that minds some kids while their parents get a break. Go online to sign up, and n.b. that volunteers will be given a background check and a half hour Zoom training.

COMMITMENT CARDS

Commitment cards are requested by our Finance Team each winter as a means of bringing to your consideration what you'd plan on giving over the next fiscal year (which begins July 1). For more info see our FAQ online. We know that these are crazy times, including financially, and it's for that very reason that we'd ask that you'd let us know your giving targets—that knowledge is essential to our church's budgeting process. You can drop the physical card into the offering box on a Sunday morning or online. Please, return your commitment by Sunday, 3/12. If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to email Scott (scottflovin18@gmail.com).

Engage with Us

Whether this is your first time at Liberti Church Collingswood or you have been regularly worshipping with us for some time, we would love to help you take a next step in following Jesus and engaging more deeply in our community.

CONNECT TO A HOME MEETING

Small groups (aka "Home Meetings") are the primary environment where Christian community is developed and fostered. People are introduced to what it means to be a Christian, encouraged in their relationship with God, and supported to make a contribution to the welfare of people in Collingswood and surrounding boroughs. They also provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual support, practical service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of what God is doing in our midst. Visit our website to see all the available groups being offered and sign up. If you have any questions about Home Meetings, contact Jim (jim@liberti.org).

SERVE OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

There are numerous opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings. Whether it's setting up, teaching a kids' lesson, or running the sound board, it takes many volunteers each week to make Liberti Church Collingswood an inviting community for our friends and neighbors. To see all of the volunteer teams open to you, please, visit our website. If you have any questions about serving our church, contact Jim (jim@liberti.org). Additionally, we are connected to a number of local and international ministry partners serving in areas from South Camden to South Sudan. To learn more, visit our website or contact Jim (jim@liberti.org).

GIVE GENEROUSLY

It is our practice to offer a sacrificial portion of all of our resources – time, skills, possessions – as a tangible act of worship, faith, and gratitude in response to God's grace and generosity to us in Christ. You can give on Sunday mornings or online. Contact our Finance Team (liberticollingswoodfinance@gmail.com) if you would like to speak with someone about giving or receive help with your personal finances.

INVITE A FRIEND

Yes, you! If you won't invite your friend to Liberti Church Collingswood, who will?

Gathering Before God

February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

We are now in the season of Epiphany, a word that itself means "manifestation" or "appearance" and is associated with the adoration of Christ by the three magi. Throughout these subsequent weeks, Epiphany walks us through various scenes Jesus' earthly ministry that occurred before his final suffering. To commemorate Epiphany, the cloth on our worship table is green, which symbolizes growth—both in the life of Jesus and in the life of the church.

Thou Lovely Source Of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more
Oh that I might love Thee more

Thy glory o'er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer brighter lines
My bleeding dying Lord
See my bleeding dying Lord

'Tis here where'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies
Oh my fainting heart's supplied

But ah too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain
Oh and I again complain

Jesus my Lord my life my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above
They are only known above

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

(Parents, please, retrieve your children from Liberti Kids immediately after the service ends.)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou, my great Father, and I, Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

Leader: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

People: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

(Lamentations 3:21-24)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord, my Savior, liveth.
What though the darkness gather 'round?
Songs in the night it giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing!
For all things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

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 me to 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;
Let all who hunger come and eat.
Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;
Let all who thirst come and drink.*

Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

*But mine is peace that flows from
heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

*But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its
treasure
Christ is mine forevermore*

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except for when it serves our own purposes.

Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we may become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight, making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

(Ephesians 1: 7-10)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Table

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

OFFERING

We encourage our members and regular attenders at Liberti to give to the church! To make a contribution, people are welcome to drop an offering in the box as they exit to the Holy Trinity courtyard, or to give online via the web page linked to this QR code.



The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 5:1-20

1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. **7** And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." **8** For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" **9** And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." **10** And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. **11** Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, **12** and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." **13** So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

14 The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. **15** And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed[c] man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **16** And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17** And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. **18** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Steve Huber

Title: "The Church Brings the Power and Presence of Jesus"

Series: "Liberti Communion Sunday"

SERMON NOTES: