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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.

MEN'S RETREAT, 5/2

On Friday, May 2, the men of Liberti Collingswood are invited to Ocean City, NJ, for a men's retreat. We have secured a pair of houses in OC for Friday night beginning at 5 p.m. and running until noon on Saturday. To register, scan the QR code and complete the online form. The cost of the event is \$25 is you are staying overnight and \$10 if you are coming for just one day. If cost is a concern, please sign up anyway as scholarship funds are available. We'd like to have a good idea on how many people to expect, so please sign up as soon as you can. Should you have any questions, contact Angel Garcia at Angel@liberti.org.



JOINT WORSHIP NIGHT, 5/8

Join Liberti Collingwood and Liberti Glassboro on Thursday, May 8 for a night of worship! The evening will begin at 6:30p and run for one hour, at Liberti Collingswood. Following the songs and prayers, we will have a 30 minute fellowship time at 7:30 with freshly baked goods. Childcare will NOT be provided, but parents will have access to an unstaffed cry room in case of big feelings or other emergencies.

IN-COVENANT CLASS, 5/17

Now is the time to sign up and come to our In-Covenant Class on Saturday, 5/17, from 9am-2pm, here at Holy Trinity. An "in-covenant class" is a conversation with Jim about what it means to be a part of a church, the vision of Liberti Collingswood, and how you can get more connected to our community. (One isn't required to join Liberti Collingswood if attending this event, but the In-Covenant Class is a step in the typical pathway for becoming a member here.) Lunch and childcare will be provided. Talk to Jim if you'd have questions about this event. If you would like to come, please RSVP online.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 5/18

Spring is in the air, which must mean. . . it's time for our annual Congregational Meeting! We'll gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship on Sunday, 5/18, at 12:45pm both to elect our new elder and deacon nominees to Consistory (David Clapper and Jamie Dempsey, respectively) as well as Beth Hinton to our Nominating Committee, plus we'll also vote to receive the budget for our next fiscal year. Everyone is welcome to join, and In-Covenant members are especially encouraged to be present in order to vote!

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 (jjim@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 (jjim@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 (jjim@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

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday after Easter

REFLECTIONS



“The Last Supper”

Easter Sunday launches the worldwide Christian family into the liturgical season of Eastertide. The momentous importance of Jesus' resurrection cannot be contained within a single Sunday! In this 50 day period of Eastertide which leads up to Pentecost, we engage in an extended period of celebration as we explore the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation and for joyful Christian living. In contrast to the solemn purples of Lent, in commemoration of Easter the cloth on our worship table is white, which symbolizes the brightness of the new day—and new world—that dawns in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good.

Come ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

The Sending

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.)

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

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Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scrolls and to open its seals."

People: "For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

(from Revelation 5)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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 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.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

O most holy and gracious God, you are the King of all the world. Your laws are holy, just, and good. But we have denied to obey your commands, being unruly and self-willed. Lord, you are infinitely good, and yet we have not fully taken you for our portion, nor have we loved you with our whole heart, nor made you our true desire and delight. For all this, we ask your forgiveness.

Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and follow your son Jesus. Let us be faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through the merits and intercession of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

(Romans 6:3-5)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - John 13:21-30

21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." **22** The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. **23** One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, **24** so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. **25** So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" **26** Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. **27** Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." **28** Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. **29** Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. **30** So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Clint Jenkin
Title: "Why is Judas Staring at Me?"

SERMON NOTES: