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Theme: Seven Last Words: FINISHED

God's People Gather

Threshold Moment

Opening Song

He Who Began A Good Work In You

He who began a good work in you,
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it,
He'll be faithful to complete it;
He who started the work will be
Faithful to complete it in you.

Call to Confession

Beloved people of God, the work of Jesus on the cross is finished, and the grace we receive is endless. Still, we are not finished. We are works in progress. We fail, we fall, we stumble and we stop. Through all of it, the complete mercy of God remains for us! Trusting in that mercy, we can come to God with our prayers of confession, knowing that we have already received God's pardon.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, in Jesus Christ, you completed our salvation, but we still have our race to run. We know this, but there are times when we stall and stumble; there are days when we stop altogether. We grow weak and weary, or we grow discouraged. We think that the finish line is too far away, or we flatter ourselves that we are already winners. Forgive us! Uphold us to do your will; strengthen us in love and service; guide our feet until we reach the moment when we can say our work is finished, and join with you forever in glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. The finished work of Jesus continues in you.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response

Glory to God

Glory to God,
Whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit
Whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end,
Without end. Amen.
World without end,
Without end. Amen.

World without end,
Without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response

Peace Song

Peace I leave with you my friends
Shalom my peace in all you do
Peace I leave with you my friends

I give to you so you can give to others too.

God's Word is Proclaimed

Children's Time

Scripture

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

2 Timothy 4:5-8

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Sermon

Responding to God's Word

Offering

If you are able, please continue to send in your offering and pledge. If you are enrolled in electronic funds transfer, there is no need to do anything different. If you would like to give online using Paypal, click this link: bit.ly/FPCsterling

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, use this money, use us, use all that we have and all that we are, for the building up of your work in this church and the wider world, for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

God's People are Sent

Closing Song

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet

While I run this race.

(repeat 2x)

For I don't want

To run this race in vain!

Hold my hand

While I run this race.

(repeat 2x)

For I don't want

To run this race in vain!

Benediction

Leader:....and let all God's people say...

People: Alleluia! Amen!