

**Sunday, September 8, 2013**

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

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# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

Come Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

## Call to Worship

*The triune God calling His church to worship Him*

## Prayer of Invocation

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

## Reading of the Law

Matthew 5:21-26

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life*

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel

1 Peter 2:22-25

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

“Seek Ye First”

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God,  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.

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“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford  
Jeremy Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face,  
Stronger than the power of the grave,  
Constant in the trial and the change,  
One thing remains;  
One thing remains:

*Your love never fails,  
It never gives up;  
Never runs out on me, (3x)  
Your love.*

On and on and on and on it goes,  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul,  
And I never ever have to be afraid,  
One thing remains;  
One thing remains:

In death, in life I'm confident, and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love,  
My debt is paid; there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love.

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“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix, arr. Adam Kunsberg

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Scripture Reading**

Philippians 1:1-8

page 980, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word*

**Sermon**

“Prayer of Thanksgiving”  
*1st in a Series on the Book of Philippians*

Dr. Todd Smedley

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name, sing like never before  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again;  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; your name is great, and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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**Benediction**

*Pronouncing God's blessing on His people*

*If you have an offering please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.*

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## **Next Sunday, September 15**

**Morning Service, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am**

“Of First Importance”

*1 Corinthians 15:3-8*

Dr. Robert M. Norris

**Evening Service, 6pm**

“Prayer of Petition”

*Philippians 1:9-11*

Dr. Todd Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.*