

Sunday, September 22, 2013

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come, Now is the Time To Worship”

Brian Doerksen

*Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.*

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow;
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now.

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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

Judges 10:10-15

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

And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against You, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.” And the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not save You from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to Me, and I saved you out of their hand. Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.” And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to You. Only please deliver us this day.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

II Corinthians 4:7-15

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

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in You. Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with You into His presence. For it is all for Your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Fritz Emmanuel Glenn, son of Gregory and Anna Glenn

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Holy Holy Holy"

John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:12-18

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

"The Gospel Cannot be Imprisoned"
3rd in a Series on the Book of Philippians

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation” Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord one faith one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping their cry goes up how long,
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Passing the Peace of Christ

Closing Song

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, members of the faith, whatever your race may be!
Who serves my Father as His child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet North and South;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

Benediction

Pronouncing God’s blessing on His people

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

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

Next Sunday, September 29

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

“Our Sure Hope”

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Dr. Todd Smedley

Agape & Eucharist Service, 6pm

“Christ in Life and in Death”

Philippians 1:19-30

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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