

Sunday, March 9, 2014
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“O Great God”

Bob Kauflin

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme; conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice;
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n glorify Your Name through me.

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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

Exodus 20:1-11

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

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Dr. Robert M. Norris, *Senior Pastor*, Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Associate Pastor*;
Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer, Rev. David O'Connell, and Rev. Blair Smith, *Pastors*

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we are astonished at the difference between our receiving and our deserving, between the status we now possess in Christ and our past gracelessness, between the heaven we are bound for and the hell we merited. Who made us differ but You? We confess that we could not have loved You had You not loved us first. It is our deepest shame that we continue to sin in light of such marvelous grace. Forgive us O Lord as we fly repenting to the cross of Christ, Whose mercy has never turned us away. Enlarge our hearts with the assurance that You will never forsake us, and cause us to grow in the grace of obedience and faith, for this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Romans 3:21-26

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

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Commissioning for Young Career Fellowship Trip to Romania

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Hallelujah, What a Savior”

Philip Paul Bliss

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah what a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement can it be; Hallelujah what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, it is finished was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high; Hallelujah what a Savior!

When He comes our glorious King all His ransomed home to bring;
Then anew His song we'll sing, Hallelujah what a Savior!

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Robbie Seay Band

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee; Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of Thee; Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will, when Thou sayest to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'Twi'x me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy chest,
May I hear Thee say to me, “I will pilot thee.”

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“The Power of Jesus’ Word”
9th in the series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Song of Response**

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r thru’out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When thru the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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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 Alone”

Keith Getty
 Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
 This gift of love, and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
 For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His, and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.



METRO OUTREACH WEEK

MARCH 10-16

Next Sunday, March 16

Morning Service

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

“Who, Me?” | Luke 4:16-21

David Treadwell

Director of Central Union Mission

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“A Provision Worth Proclaiming” | *Genesis 22:1-19*

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