

Sunday, March 23, 2014
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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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 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.

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

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

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of Your glory. You have given Your life for us, and poured out Your Spirit, yet we fail to return Your love with all our heart. Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring You, Lord, and neglecting others. When we do not truly trust and obey You, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. Father, through the redeeming death of Your Son on the cross, by Your Spirit and through Your word, transform and renew us to follow You with joy. All this we ask, confident in Your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Colossians 1:11-14

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

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Everlasting God”

Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord;
We will wait upon the Lord—strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord;
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever, our Hope our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.
You do not faint, You won't grow weary;
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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“O Church Arise”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar-mour on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
-tor; And with the sword to love the cap-tive soul, but to rage a-against the cap -
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer-cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give — grace for ev - 'ry hur -
-tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
-tor; And with the sword that makes the wound-ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
-en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
-dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -
-en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
-our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out-come is se -
-en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg-es from the
-ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing triumphs of His
lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
-cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with
out to those in dark - ness.
-her - it - ance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Fish Stories"
Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"I Will Rise"

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
Louie Giglio, Matt Maher

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say it is well.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

*(And) I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise,
I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb;
Worthy is the Lamb.

I will rise, I will rise.

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

“Behold the Lamb”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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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.

Next Sunday, March 30

Morning Service

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

“David and Bathsheba” | 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Dr. Todd Smedley

Agape & Eucharist Evening Service

6pm in the Upper Room

“Let Christ Be All in All in Us” | 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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