

**Sunday, August 10, 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

Romans 1:18-27

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

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameful acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess that we, often live as if we are enslaved to our sinful nature. Rather than living like You delight in us we flee from You in shame in guilt. Rather than receiving Your free grace, we try to earn Your favor by our efforts. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. According to Your steadfast love, blot out our transgressions and cleanse us from our sin for this we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel

Galatians 3:10-14

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

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

"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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"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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“Blessed Be Your Name”

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name.

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise,  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name.

You give and take away You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

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**Scripture Reading**

Luke 8:4-15

page 865, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“Sincere Seekers or Casual Hearers”  
24th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Mr. Robert Yancey

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“I Stand Amazed”

Charles Hutchison Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “not My will, but Thine;”  
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

In pity angels beheld Him, and came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,  
’Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

**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, August 17**

### **Morning Service**

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

“David’s Testament”

*2 Samuel 23:1-17*

Dr. Todd Smedley

### **Evening Service**

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Revelations of Kingdom Life”

*Luke 8:16-21*

Rev. Ron Meyer

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