

**Sunday, August 17, 2014**

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“Sing Praise to God Above”

Frances Elizabeth Cox, Hal H. Hopson  
Johann Jakob Schütz

Sing praise to God Who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills;  
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,  
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of His might, lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud Thy praises,  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord my, heart! Both soul and body take your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

## 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*

Deuteronomy 6:1-6

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have sought to earn Your love by our works and have tried to appease Your anger by our worldly sorrow. Teach us again that only through Christ's righteousness can we find favor with You, and only through Christ's blood can appease Your wrath against our sin. As we flee to him, humble us with the horrific nature of our sin, and yet lift us in gratitude with wonder of Your free grace. And now hereafter, as new creatures in Christ, enable us to delight in those works which You have prepared for us that we may glorify our loving Savior. Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel

1 John 4:13-19

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

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

## Songs of Thanksgiving

"Here Is Love"

Cymraeg

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;  
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.  
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and power on me,  
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

"Mighty To Save"

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me, ev'ryone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour, the hope of nations

*Saviour He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save, forever Author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;  
Fill my life again, I give my life to follow,  
Ev'rything I believe in now I surrender.

Shine your light, and let the whole world see we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light, and let the whole world see we're singing  
For the glory of the risen King.

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**Scripture Reading**

Luke 8:16-21

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**

"Revelations of Kingdom Life"  
25th in a series: "Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke"

Rev. Ron Meyer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

"It is Well With My Soul"

Horatio G. Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul, it is well,  
It is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded  
My helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood  
For my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious tho't,  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

**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

“As The Deer”

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King;  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy;  
You alone are the real joygiver, and the apple of my eye.

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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, August 24

### Morning Service

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

“The Hand of the Lord”

*2 Samuel 24:1-25*

Dr. Todd Smedley

### Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Master, Master...”

*Luke 8:22-25*

Rev. Dave O'Connell

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