

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice;
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me!
How great is our God and all will see, how great,
How great is our God!*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

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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

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

Matthew 5:27-30

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”

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

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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"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n;
By saints below, and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:1-6; 10-17

pages 866-67, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Proclaiming the Kingdom”
29th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“So Send I You”

Toronto

So send I you—to labour unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing—
So send I you, to toil for Me alone.

So send I you—to bind the bruised and broken,
O'er wand'ring souls to work, to weep, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world a-weary—
So send I you, to suffer for My sake.

So send I you—to loneliness and longing,
With heart a-hung'ring for the loved and known,
Forsaking kin and kindred, friend and dear one—
So send I you to know My love alone.

So send I you—to leave your life's ambition,
To die to dear desire, self-will resign,
To labour long, and love where men revile you—
So send I you—to lose your life in Mine.

So send I you—to hearts made hard by hatred,
To eyes made blind because they will not see,
To spend, though it be blood, to spend and spare not—
So send I you, to taste of Calvary.

“As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you.”

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

“The Wonderful Cross”

Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt
Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near, and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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, September 21

Morning Service

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

“The Gospel”
2 Timothy 1:8-13
Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Humanity's Most Pressing Question”
Luke 9:7-9; 18-22
Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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