

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Brent Milligan, David Crowder
St. Francis of Assisi
William Henry Draper

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along.
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

Genesis 3:12-19

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

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Isaiah 65:17-25

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

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Come People of the Risen King”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice, one heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ rejoice.*

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight;
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace;
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call;
The truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all.

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“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Frances Ridley Havergal
Henri Abraham Cesar Malan

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose;
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever only all for Thee;
Ever only all for Thee.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Cheerfully responding to God's generosity with the giving of our resources

Offertory

“Oceans”

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail,
And there I find You in the mystery; in oceans deep my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace,
For I am Yours and You are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed, and You won't start now.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders; let me walk upon the waters.
Wherever You would call me, take me deeper than my feet could ever wander;
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour.

*I will call upon Your name; keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace; I am Yours and You are mine.*

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Scripture Reading

Luke 9:43-56

pages 867-68, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“Dense Disciples”

Dr. Todd Smedley

34th in a series: “Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Traditional Folk song

I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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

“Before The Throne of God”

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me;
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin;
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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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, October 26

Morning Service

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

“Don't Do the Devil's Work”

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The Cost of Discipleship”

Luke 9:57-62

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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