

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Indescribable”

Jesse Reeves, Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation’s revealing Your majesty;
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming,

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.*

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow!
Who imagined the sun, and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

You are amazing God.

You see the depths of my heart,
And You love me the same.
You are amazing God.

You see the depths of our hearts,
And You love us the same.
You are amazing 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

Dr. Robert M. Norris, *Senior Pastor*; Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Associate Pastor*;
Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer, and Rev. David O’Connell, *Pastors*

Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 12:29-32

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

When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same." You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we praise You for adopting us as Your children and making us heirs of eternal life in Your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by His blood. Yet we still fail to love You with all our heart, or serve You as we ought. Pardon our offenses, we pray, and make us clean, that we may fully live as members of Christ, in whom alone is salvation. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

I John 5:1-5

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

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Johann Hans Georg Nageli, John Fawcett

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

"All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name"

Edward Perronet

John (adapt) Rippon, Oliver Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Give Me Jesus"
Evening Worship Team

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.*

When I am alone, when I am alone,
Oh when I am alone, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die,
Oh when I come to die, give me Jesus.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 10:17-24

page 868-69, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"A Joyful Reunion"
37th in a series: "Seeking and Saving the Lost: The Gospel of Luke"

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thee works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thee rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.

Next Sunday, November 16

Morning Service

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

“Loving the Brethren”

2 Timothy 4:9-15

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“On Being a Good Samaritan”

Luke 10:25-37

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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