

Sunday, March 15, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Forever”

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,
His love endures forever; for He is good, He is above all things.
His love endures forever, sing praise, sing praise!

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
His love endures forever; for the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever, sing praise, sing praise!

Sing praise, sing praise!

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever;
And by the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever, sing praise, sing praise!

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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

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

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

“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His rules and His statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Reading of the Gospel

Psalm 32:1-7

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

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"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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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Thomas Obediah Chisholm
William Marion Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Promises"
Evening Worship Team

Chris Rohman, Mark Graalman
Matt Hammitt, Peter Prevost

Sometimes it's hard to keep believing in what you can't see
That everything happens for a reason even the worst life brings
If you're reaching for an answer and you don't know what to pray
Just open up the pages let His word be your strength

(And) (Just) hold on to the promises hold on to the promises
Jesus is alive so hold tight hold on to the promises

All things work for the good of those who love God
He holds back nothing that will heal you not even His own Son
His love is everlasting His faithfulness unending
Oh if God is for us who can be against us so if you feel weak

Neither life nor death could separate us
From the eternal love of our God who saves us

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Scripture Reading

Luke 12:22-34

page 871, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Two Ways to Live with the Unknown"

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Louisa M. R. Stead
William James Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know thus saith the Lord.

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him, how I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing cleansing flood.

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus Savior Friend,
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

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

“Rock of Ages”

Augustus Montague Toplady
Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress, helpless look to Thee for grace,
Foul I to the fountain fly, wash me Savior or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

Our thanks to the musicians who participated in this evening worship service.

Next Sunday, March 22

Morning Service

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

“The Face of God”

Exodus 33:18-23

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Does Jesus Ever Divide?”

Luke 12:49-59

Mr. Robert Yancey

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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