

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

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# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

### Women:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

### Men:

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; your name is great, and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

### All:

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

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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

Exodus 20:1-11

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

“And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

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

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness*

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid You in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains. Forgive us through the mercy of Christ and restore to us the full understanding of our status as Your chosen children that we might live hereafter to please You, for this we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Reading of the Gospel

Romans 3:21-26

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

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

## Songs of Thanksgiving

“Speak O Lord”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
arr. McDonald

### *Mens Ensemble:*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the Light of Christ may be seen today in our act of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Word's of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

### *Congregation:*

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Chris Tomlin, John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God my Savior has ransomed me:  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;  
But God Who called me here below will be forever mine,

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## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

“The Prayer”

arr. Fetteke

*High School Choir; Diana Mears, Director; Jane Grunstra, piano*

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go  
And teach us to be wise in times when we don't know.  
Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.  
Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe.

We prayer we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts  
as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.  
Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day.  
Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace.  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead me Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;  
Make Your way plain before my face.

Let this by our prayer, just like ev'ry child  
Needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace,  
To a place where we'll be safe. Lead us Lord.

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:22-35

page 873, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“The Feast”

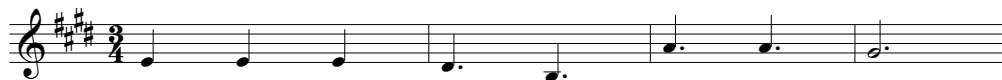
Rev. David O'Connell

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Fight the Good Fight”

arr. Adam Kunsberg



1. Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
3. Cast care a side; up on thy Guide  
4. Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;



Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right:  
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
lean, and his mer - cy will pro - vide;  
he chang - eth not, and thou art dear;



lay hold on life, and it shall be  
life with its way be - fore us lies,  
lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove,  
on - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see



thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
that Christ is all in all to thee.

## 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

“Jesus Paid It All”

Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall  
John Thomas Grape

And I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

*’Cause Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord now indeed I find, Thy pow’r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

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## 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, May 3

### Morning Service

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

“Welcome”

*Luke 14.7-24*

Dr. Robert M. Norris

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

### Children’s Choir Concert

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Encouragement to Young Believers”

*Psalm 13:5-6; Timothy 6:11-16*

Rev. Ron Meyer

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