

Sunday, June 14, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the
Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song
To Him, Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings:
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.*

Clothed in rainbows
Of living color,
Flashes of lightning,
Rolls of thunder,
Blessing and honor,
Strength, and glory, and power be
To You; the only wise King.

Filled with wonder,
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
Breath and living water,
Such a marv'ulous mystery!

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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

Romans 3:9-20

“What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those that call upon Thee; hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy pity and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards Thee and towards our fellow man. Most merciful Father, grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins, according to Thy grace; deliver us from evil; preserve and confirm us in good; and lead us to everlasting life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin
Matt Armstrong, Matt Redman

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide,
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross,
I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You (Jesus).*

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

Here my hope is found,
Here on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here arms open wide,
Here You saved my life,
Here I bow down, here I bow (down).

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”

Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain for me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love, how can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free, for O my God it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread! Jesus, and all in Him, is mine.
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"How He Loves"

John Mark McMillan

He is jealous for me, loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy,
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me.

Oh how He loves us so,
Oh how He loves us,
How He loves us so.

*(Yeah) He loves us,
Oh how He loves us,
Oh how He loves us,
Oh how He loves.*

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes.
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth
Like an unforeseen kiss,
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that

*He loves us,
Oh how He loves us,
Oh how He loves us,
Oh how He loves.*

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

page 874, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Making Heaven Happy"

Rev. Robert Yancey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"How Deep The Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am 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!

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

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

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

Next Sunday, June 21

Morning Service

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

“Longing for God”

Matthew 27:45-50

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Restoring Dignity to the Defiant”

Luke 15:11-32

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