

Father's Day
Sunday, June 21, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Immortal, Invisible”

St. Denio
arr. Adam Kunsberg

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small, in all life Thou livest—the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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 1:18-27

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Father, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess that we often live as if we are enslaved to our sinful nature. Rather than living like You delight in us we flee from You in shame in guilt. Rather than receiving Your free grace we try to earn Your favor by our efforts. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. According to Your steadfast love blot out our transgressions and cleanse us from our sin for this we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Galatians 3:10-14

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

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

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).

*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, I owe all to You, I owe all to You Jesus.*

"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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"The Prodigal"

Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird

Evening Worship Team

You held out Your arms, I walked away,
Insolent I spurned Your face
Squandering the gifts You gave to me,
Holding close forbidden things,
Destitute a rebel still, a fool in all my pride.
The world I once enjoyed is death to me,
No joy, no hope, no life.

Where now are the friends, that I had bought,
Gone with every penny lost?
What hope could there be for such as I
Sold out to a world of lies?
Oh, to see Your face again, it seems so distant now.
Could it be that You would take me back,
A servant in Your house?

You held out Your arms, I see them still,
You never left, You never will.
Running to embrace me, now I know
Your cords of love will always hold
Mercy's robe, a ring of grace,
Such favor undeserved.
You sing over me and celebrate
The rebel now Your child.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

pages 874-875, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Restoring Dignity to the Defiant"

Dr. Todd Smedley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"Here Is Love"

Cymraeg

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart 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

“How Marvelous! How Wonderful!”

Charles Hutchison Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “not My will, but Thine;”
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

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, June 28

Morning Service

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

“The King of Glory”

Psalm 24

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much”

Luke 16:1-13

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