

Sunday, July 19, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“God of Wonders”

Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth;
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)!
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Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)!
You are holy.

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

Romans 2:1-11

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

“Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Gracious Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves; though You should rule us, we seek to control ourselves; though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We mourn our coldness of heart and our poverty of spirit. Have mercy on us O God, and forgive us of all our sin. Fill us with the full measure of Your Holy Spirit that we might not resist Him, grieve Him or neglect Him. Renew in us a right spirit, restore unto us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Romans 4:1-8

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

“What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Songs of Thanksgiving

“The Prodigal”

Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird

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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“Be Thou My Vision”

Brooke Norsworthy, Eleanor Henrietta Hull
Grant Norsworthy, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision O ruler of all.

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Father of Mercies, in Your Word"

Evening Worship Team

Beatitudo
arr. Adam Kunsberg

Father of mercies, in Your word what endless glory shines!
Forever be Your name adored for these celestial lines.

Here, may the wretched sons of want exhaustless riches find;
Riches, above what earth can grant, and lasting as the mind.

Here, the Redeemer's welcome voice spreads heavenly peace around;
And life, and everlasting joys attend the blissful sound.

O may these heavenly pages be my ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see, and still increasing light!

Divine instructor, gracious Lord, O be forever near;
Teach me to love Your sacred word, and view my Savior there.

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

page 876, 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 Great Divide"

Rev. Ron Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"How Firm a Foundation"

Unknown

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand."

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;
For He will be with thee in trouble to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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

“I Have Been Redeemed”

Wendy O'Connell

When I am lost,
When I am all alone,
Burdened by my sin and shame,
There's one place I can go:

I look towards the cross
Where my Savior died,
Suffered in my place,
The perfect sacrifice
For me so I can know.

Now I am forgiven,
I have been set free
Through the blood of Jesus;
I have been made clean.
Now I know of His mercy
Because He died for me,
I have been redeemed.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

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

Next Sunday, July 26

Morning Service

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

“Living Through Hell!”

Habakkuk 3:1-19

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“Temptation, Faith, and Duty”

Luke 17:1-10

Mr. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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