

Sunday, August 16, 2015
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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

Genesis 1:26-28

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

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and followed our own desires. When we do not truly trust and obey You, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. We are sorry for our sins and turn from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Colossians 1:11-14

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

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Whom Shall I Fear?”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash
Scott Cash

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song,
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light,
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet;
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still,
Whom shall I fear?

*I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind;
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine;
The God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save;
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory,
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

And nothing formed against me shall stand;
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises,
You are faithful, You are faithful.

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“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Chris Tomlin, John Newton
Louie Giglio

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.

*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.*

'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.

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

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Come As You Are"

Ben Glover, David Crowder

Jack Stanton, vocals; Evening Worship Team

Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

*Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

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Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

page 877, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"A Parable for Persistence"

Rev. Ron Meyer

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

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When thru the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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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, August 23

Morning Service

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

“Longing for Love”
Genesis 29:15-35
Rev. Corey Gray

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The Judgmental and the Justified”
Luke 18:9-14
Rev. Corey Gray

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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