

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Frances Elizabeth Cox
Hal H. Hopson
Johann Jakob Schütz

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation;
The God of power the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills,
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning glow or evening shade, His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads His own His chosen band,
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord my heart, both soul and body take your part,
To God all praise and glory.

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

James 4:11-12

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Dr. Todd Smedley, Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Dr. Robert Norris, and Rev. Rob Yancey, *Pastors*

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

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.”

Songs of Thanksgiving

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life, that I would be set free.
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave;
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave;
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave;
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

Who has the power to raise the dead?
Who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness;
Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see?
Who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace;
Jesus, only Jesus.

*Holy King Almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore,
I join with them and bow before;
Jesus, only Jesus.*

Who can command the highest praise?
Who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed;
Jesus, only Jesus.

You will command the highest praise,
Yours is the Name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed;
Jesus, only Jesus.

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“It Is Well with My Soul”

Horatio G. Spafford
Philip Paul Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul, it is well, It is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious tho't, my sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight. The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so,” it is well with my soul.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory

"Flawless"
Evening Worship Team

Barry Graul, Bart Millard,
Ben Glover, David Garcia,
Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran,
Robby Shaffer, Solomon Olds

There's got to be more than going back and forth,
From doing right to doing wrong 'cause we were taught that's who we are.
Come on, get in line right behind me, you along with everybody,
Thinking there's worth in what you do.

Then like a hero who takes the stage, when
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late;
Well, let me introduce you to amazing grace.

*No matter the bumps no matter the bruises, no matter the scars still the truth is
The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt, or how deep the wound is, no matter the pain still the truth is
The cross has made, the cross has made you flawless.*

Could it possibly be that we simply can't believe
That this unconditional kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this and wrap him up in righteousness?
But that's exactly what He did.

Then like a hero who takes the stage, when
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late,
Well let me introduce you to grace, grace, God's grace.

No matter what they say, or what you think you are,
The day you called His name He made you flawless. He made you flawless.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 20:1-18

page 879, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"An Answer to Questioners"

Rev. Corey Gray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Julia H. Johnston
Daniel B. Towner

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide. Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

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

“Behold the Lamb”

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb Who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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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, October 18

Morning Service

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

“A Pillar and Buttress of Truth”

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

***The Installation of
Dr. Todd Smedley
as Senior Pastor***

“Guarding the Good Deposit”

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Rev. Douglas Birdsall

*There will be a reception in the Upper Room
immediately following the service.*

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