

Sunday, April 3, 2016  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rend Collective

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again.  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.  
We are Your church;  
We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first;  
We hunger and we thirst.  
Refuse to waste our lives,  
For You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released,  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church;  
We pray revive this earth.

*Build Your kingdom here;  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand;  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire,  
Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere;  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church;  
We are the hope on earth.

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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**

Matthew 22:34-40

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

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**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 and 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**

John 3:16-18

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

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

**Songs of Thanksgiving**

"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!  
Humbled Himself so great His love and bled for all His chosen 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.

“Behold Our God”

Bob Kauflin

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne; come let us adore Him!  
Behold our King, nothing can compare; come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

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“Before the Throne of God”

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me;  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin;  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of Glory and of grace;  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

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

Offertory

“Shout to the North”

Martin Smith

*Evening Worship Team; TJ Donner, voice and guitar*

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

*Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts,  
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

We've been through fire, We've been through rain; We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips.

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**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“From Suffering to Glory”

Rev. Ron Meyer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“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.

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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, April 10**

**Morning Service**

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

“The Nature of Grace”

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

Rev. Rob Yancey

**Evening Service**

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The Authenticity of the Resurrection”

*Luke 24:36-43*

Mr. Terence Little

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.*

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