

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“All Hail the Power Of Jesus Name”

Perronet, Rippon, Holden
arr. Kunsberg

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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 5:43–48

Marilyn Edewaard

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

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. 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

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Hyfrydol

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! I do now adore him,
More than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.

“Be Thou My Vision”

Norsworthy, Hull
Norsworthy, 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.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:7–19

page 1002, 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 Word for Today”

Rev. Rob Yancey

7th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Jesus Paid It All”

Nifong, Hall, Grape
arr. Kunsberg

And I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.”

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord now indeed I find, thy pow'r and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.

We welcome children in our worship service this evening.

Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.

A live-feed of the service is available as you care for your children.

If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.

As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”

Next Sunday, March 26

Morning Service

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

“Overcoming the World”

1 John 5:1-12

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm Agape meal in the Upper Room

“Heirs of God’s Promised Rest”

Hebrews 4:1-13

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

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