

Easter

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Carl Gotthelf Glaser
Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, he sets the pris'ner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n;
By saints below, and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

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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—Leviticus 18:1-5

Jenni Noll

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

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Rev. Thomas Myrick, Dr. Robert Norris, and Rev. Rob Yancey, *Pastors*

Corporate Confession of Sin

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—Acts 13:38-39

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

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“In Christ Alone”

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In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin, on him was laid—here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his, and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

“Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Philip Paul Bliss

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name for the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

Guilty, vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(refrain)

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring;
Then anew his song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"Witnesses"

Rev. Rob Yancey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song

"Thine Is The Glory"

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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.

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

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, April 23

Morning Service

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

“A Sermon on Kingdom Life”

Matthew 4:23–5:2

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

“Listen to Live”

Hebrews 5:11–6:3

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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