

Sunday, May 21, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
arr. Adam Kunsberg

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

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Jesse Ritterpusch

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

The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, since you delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked your wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to you for pardon, and with true repentance implore your mercy. With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to you, whether you chastise us, or according to your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in your only-begotten Son. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Robbie Seay Band
arr. Mac Meador

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee; Savior, pilot me.
Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of thee; Savior, pilot me.
As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.
When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy chest,
May I hear thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

"Rock of Ages"

James Ward

Rock of Ages cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
Not the labor of my hands, can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, thou must save and thou alone.
Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling.
Naked come to thee for dress, helpless look to thee for grace,
Foul I to the fountain fly; wash me Savior or I die.
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 6:13-20

page 1004, pew Bible

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

"God of Promise"

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*12th in the series on "Hebrews—Confident of Better Things"***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, cornerstone.
Weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

He is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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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

Communion Response

“Communion Hymn”

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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.

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

Please alert your usher ahead of time if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.

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, May 28

Morning Service

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

"The Triple Play"

Matthew 5:8-12

Rev. Corey Gray

Evening Service

6:00pm

"The True King and Priest"

Hebrews 7:1-10

Rev. Rob Yancey

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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