

Sunday, July 16, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice;
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me!
How great is our God and all will see how great,
How great is our God!*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing, how great is our God.

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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

Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1–4

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When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Made For This”

Led by the Vacation Bible School

I was made for this, I live for this. God has a reason, reason for my life.
I’m gonna shout it out, without a doubt; I was born for this, built for a purpose.

There is a God who made it all, everything we see.
He built the mountains, filled the oceans, and he built me.

He is with me, he is for me, I am not alone.
He is with me, he is for me, and I know, I know that.

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“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Led by the Vacation Bible School

He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got the little bitty babies in his hands,
He’s got the little bitty babies in his hands,
He’s got the little bitty babies in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got everybody here in his hands,
He’s got everybody here in his hands,
He’s got everybody here in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He’s got you and me, sister, in his hands,
He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands,
He’s got the whole world in his hands.

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“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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Testimony

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

“God Will Always Love You”

Rev. Robert Yancey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“Blessed Assurance”

Fanny Jane Crosby
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight.
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

*We would like to thank the Vacation Bible School families and 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.
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."*

**Following this service you are invited to a farewell reception for Rev. Yancey and his family.
May God bless them in their new ministry.**

Next Sunday, July 23

Morning Service

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

“The Most Famous Prayer”

Matthew 6:9–15

Dr. Todd Smedley

*A Deacons Offering will be received at all morning
services on July 23.*

Evening Service

6:00pm

“Redeeming Blood”

Hebrews 9:15–22

Rev. Thomas Myrick

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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