

Sunday, July 9, 2017  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

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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—Exodus 20:1-11

Jim Parker

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

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

**Reading of the Gospel**—Romans 3:21-26

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

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Songs of Thanksgiving**

“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.

“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.

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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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.

**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 9:6–14

pages 1005–1006, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“Jesus, the Great High Priest”  
*19th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”*

Dr. Robert Norris

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song of Response**

“Before the Throne of God”

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook  
arr. Adam Kunsberg

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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**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, July 16

### **Morning Service**

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

"Religious Hypocrisy"

*Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18*

Dr. Todd Smedley

### **Evening Service**

6:00pm / Upper Room

"God Will Always Love You"

*Luke 15:11-32*

Rev. Rob Yancey

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