

Sunday, July 30, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman

Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia Amen!

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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— Romans 2:1-11

Julie Sigman

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

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and perfect law. Have mercy on us through Jesus Christ and accept his worthiness for our unworthiness and his glory for our shame and his death for our life. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Reading of the Gospel—Romans 4:1–8

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

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Jesus Messiah"

Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson
Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness;
He humbled himself, and carried the cross, love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed redeemer, Emmanuel;
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn; love so amazing love so amazing.

All our hope is in you.
All our hope is in you.
All the glory to you God.
The Light of the world.

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"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship his holy name; sing like never before,
O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again;
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger; your name is great, and your heart is kind;
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:23–28

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Prayer of Illumination

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

Sermon

"The Three Appearances"
21st in the series, "Hebrews—Confident of Better Things"

Dr. Robert Norris

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
 When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
 Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
 He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
 And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;
 Let me seek thy kingdom only, and my life be to thy praise;
 Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
 Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself hast set me free.

In thy truth thou dost direct me by thy Spirit through thy Word;
 And thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in thee, my Lord.
 Of Thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and power on me,
 Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

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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”

Keith and Kristyn Getty
 Stuart Townend

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

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, August 6

Morning Service

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

"Do Not Be Anxious"

Matthew 6:25-34

Dr. Robert Norris

Evening Service

6:00pm

"The Single Unique Offering"

Hebrews 10:1-10

Rev. Corey Gray

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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