

Sunday, September 3, 2017  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

## Song of Preparation

“All Hail the Power Of Jesus Name”

Edward Perronet  
John (adapt) Rippon, Oliver Holden  
arr. Adam Kunsberg

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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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—Matthew 22:34-40

Joan Snowden

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

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

O Gracious Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we seek to control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We mourn our coldness of heart and our poverty of spirit. Have mercy on us O God, and forgive us of all our sin. Fill us with the full measure of your Holy Spirit that we might not resist him, grieve him or neglect him. Renew in us a right spirit, restore unto us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Reading of the Gospel—John 3:16-18**

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

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**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.

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“Here Is Love”

Cymraeg

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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**Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 10:32–39

page 1007, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

**Sermon**

“The Power of Promise”

Dr. Robert Norris

*26th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Song of Response

“O Church Arise”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

O Church, arise, and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.  
And Christ will have the prize for which he died, an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen.

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle;  
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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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, September 10**

#### **Morning Service**

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

"Shepherds Know Their Sheep"

*John 10:11-18*

Dr. Todd Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.*

#### **Evening Service**

6:00pm

"Faith is a Busy Thing"

*Hebrews 11:1-7*

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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