

Sunday, October 8, 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

Reading of the Law—Genesis 2:15–17

Nate Robbins

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

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. You have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others. When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry. In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

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

Reading of the Gospel—Acts 13:38–39

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

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Songs of Thanksgiving

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Beth Redman, Matt Redman

Blessed be your name, in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll, turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

*“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.”*

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's “all as it should be,” blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be your name.”

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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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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:32–40

page 1008, 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 Triumph of Faith”

Rev. Thomas Myrick

31st in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
 In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
 By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,
 Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.
 We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
 By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
 With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.
 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
 To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.
 By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
 For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

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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

"Behold the Lamb"

Keith and Kristyn Getty
Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
 Slain for us - and we remember
 The promise made that all who come in faith
 Find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this bread of life,
 And we drink of his sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of peace
 Around the table of the King.
 The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 Torn for you - eat and remember
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
 Paid the price to make us one.
 So we share in this bread of life,
 And we drink of his sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of love
 Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.
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 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, October 15

Morning Service

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

"Our Only Mediator: Christ Alone"

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Dr. Todd Smedley

Evening Service

6:00pm

"Run"

Hebrews 12:1-2

Rev. Corey Gray

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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