

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Brent Milligan, David Crowder
St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along.
O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship him in humbleness
O praise him alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit three in One, O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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—Deuteronomy 12:29-32

Joseph Siagian

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

When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.’ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our heavenly Father, thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not lived the way you tell us. We have done wrong things and not done the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—I John 5:1–5

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

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Songs of Thanksgiving

“There Is A Fountain”

William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

When this poor lisp'ing stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save.
I'll sing thy power to save, I'll sing thy power to save;
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save.

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“Cornerstone”

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero,
Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan,
William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, cornerstone.
Weak made strong, in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

He is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

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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 Greatness of Grace”
34th in the series, “Hebrews—Confident of Better Things”

Rev. Ron Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

“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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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 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, November 5

Morning Service

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

“Our Only Aim: God’s Glory Alone”

Romans 11:33–36

Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated.

Evening Service

6:00pm

“Living the Life”

Hebrews 12:25–29

Dr. Robert Norris

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