



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11.15.2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 34:1-3

Leader I will praise the LORD at all times;

All **His praise will always be on my lips.**

Leader I will brag not about myself but in what the Lord does;

All **The humble and poor will hear of his ways and be glad.**

Leader O magnify the LORD's greatness with me;

All **Let us lift who he is, in awe and worship together.**

Opening Hymn

“Father Long Before Creation”

All

**Father long before creation,
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his cov'nant,
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise his name.**

**God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing,
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee,
We will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing,
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.**

*words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones;
Andrew Osenga, 2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings (ascap).*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Drawn from 1 Peter 1-2; 4:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:5-8; Romans 12:4-5

Leader Apart from you, Lord, our way of life seems full and right,
 but really, it's only empty, cut off from true light and life.

All **We're like sheep going astray,
 who don't even know they don't know their own way.**

Leader Jesus has been raised from the dead—
 light has broken into the darkness;
 God's new day has begun.
Let us, therefore, be awake and sober,
 for we belong to this new day.

All **We confess that we're under the influence of the night.
 This world and its lies intoxicates us.**

Leader Jesus has loved you deeply, forgiving your sins,
 to reconcile you to God and each other.

All **The world says, "It's your life. Live it on your terms."
We love ourselves deeply,
 looking out for our own interests.
So, we hold on to hurts;
 we take offense when none was given;
 we put ourselves at the center of the story.**

Leader We are many, but we all form one body in Christ;
 each of us belongs to our fellow members.

All **The world says, "You have to look out for number one."
Relationships are about what we can get out of them.
Our abilities and stuff are for our enjoyment and security.
When we do serve someone else, we grumble about it,
 or make it about how great we are for helping out.**

Leader Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

All **Restore us to yourself, Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Drawn from 1 Peter 1-3

Leader

Jesus is special and dear to God.
The Father chose him before the creation of the world
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

All

**Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,
bearing our sins in his body on the cross, to bring us to God.**

Leader

Put to death in the body, he was made alive in the Spirit.

All

**He ascended into heaven where he reigns at his Father's right hand,
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

Leader

You are special and dear to God.
God has chosen and redeemed you to make you his special possession
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus' steps.

All

**Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

Leader

Once you were not a people,

All

but now we are God's people!

Leader

Once you had not received mercy,

All

but now we have received mercy!

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus is Mine”

All

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay,
Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Song in the Gospel

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

All

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow;
Thy Spirit send with grace divine
And let thy truth within us shine.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise;
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know thy name aright.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art thou, O Lord, Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place
Fore’er behold thee face to face.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Glory to God the Father, Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

words Duke Wilhelm II, 1651; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Nathan Partain, 2001

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Preparation for the Word

Isaiah 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:24-25

Leader This is the living and abiding word of God;

All **For all the people of the earth are like grass
and all their glory like the flowers of the field.**

Leader The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

All **But the word of the Lord remains forever.**

Scripture

1 Peter 2:9-12

Reader ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and sober-minded so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. Whoever serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Community Group Questions

- 1) The controlling truth for 1 Peter 4:7-11 is that the end of this world has begun in Jesus Christ and is drawing near. We are to be sober-minded, therefore, about how the world tries to get us drunk on its lies. Each command of 4:7-11 counteracts the world's intoxicating lies—what lies do you see underlying these verses? How are you prone to be under their influence?
- 2) List out all of the ways that God is involved in 4:7-11. What does this tell you about the Christian life?
- 3) God has gifted you so that you can impart his grace to other believers. When have you seen God use your serving to give grace to someone? How can this truth, that God is using you to share his grace with someone, motivate you to serve other believers? What is one concrete way that you can step forward in that?

Children's Questions

God has made every Christian an important part of the church—no matter how young you are! How have you grown and been helped when people have served you? How can you share God's grace with someone else by serving them? Read 1 Peter 4:11. What do you think it means to serve with God's strength? How can you rely on God when you serve other people?

Call to Communion and Prayer

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.

Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews (in a socially distanced way).

Prayers

Prayer for Guidance to Truth

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Doubt and Faith

God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.

Song of Celebration

"We Need to Hear Your Word"

**Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on,
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.**

**Oh we need to hear your word, Oh we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to fill ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is outside your perfect will,
O how easily like sheep deceived without their shepherds voice.
Make alive in us your scripture, melody against the noise.**

**Oh we need to hear your word, Oh we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Father, make our souls to hear you,
Spirit, by your power, break through,
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Oh we need to hear your word, Oh we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

Valediction

from Romans 12:12

Leader O you favorite children of God,
Rejoice in hope!

All **We will rejoice in the hope that Jesus is in control,
and that he is right now
remaking all things into heaven's own beauty.**

Leader Be patient in tribulation!

All **We will be patient, not knowing what today will bring
or understanding what God is doing,
but trusting it will be the highest possible good.**

Leader Be constant in prayer!

All **We will not trust our own ideas or opinions,
our own plans or contingencies,
our own methods for coping or escape.
No, we will throw ourselves upon the merciful will of our faithful Father,
and we will pour out our hearts to him,
because he intimately knows and cares for us.**

Leader He is alive and is active,
protecting, providing, and intervening right now.

All **Yes and he will respond to all we ask,
through Jesus,
Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"With All of Our Strength"

All

**Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance: race and national pride.
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.**

**So now where we find violence, we are called to defend.
And where humiliation, we cover the offense.
Where there is injustice, there the weak is our cause.
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.**

**The cry of the helpless, we treat as our own need.
And the hungry and homeless, we will shelter and feed.
And all those who have nothing, what we have we will share.
Though there's only more brokenness, we will work to repair.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you.**

**So there is no effort, no errand too small.
Each action a moment, to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
We love you, we love you not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.**

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\$ 1,831,593.53 ▼ \$ 2,256,301

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Jan-Nov budget:

\$ 2,068,275.92

Congregational Giving

Nov 8th	\$	29,229.57
Nov Total	\$	74,828.61
Nov Budget	\$	188,025.08