

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

July 26th, 2020

Morning Worship Service

"I believe that God made me for a purpose—[to be a missionary to] China. But he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure."

Chariots of Fire

"Play is meaningful in itself. It justifies and rewards itself.... It pushes us to explore the world and to form bonds with new people. Play offers respite from the tyranny of work and routine."

Dan Doriani

"The hardest, gladdest thing in the world is to cry *Father!* from a full heart."

George MacDonald

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing."

Zephaniah 3:14-17

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world/ And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings/ Music of the spheres
This is my Father's world/ I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees of skies and seas/ His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world/ The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white/ Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world/ He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass/ He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world/ O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong/ God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world/ The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied/ And earth and heaven be one

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Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way/ At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame/ At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place/ At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave/ At the sound of Your great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us/ The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up/ And all the world will praise/ Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength/ At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace/ At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest/ At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised/ At the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty/ Defender my Savior You are my King (REPEAT)

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Call to Confession

Davis Mooney

Confession of Sin

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us, yet too often we practice pride. You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem, yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our city. You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out, yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular. You freely forgave and healed, yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain. You lived a perfectly holy life, yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness. You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you, yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers. You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us, yet we so often deny you. You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture. Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, NIV

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us/ How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven/ And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness/ Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written/ Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy/ What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory/ To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven/ The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever/ Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free/ Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain/ There's salvation in Your name/ Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise/ Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion/ Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Jesus Christ my living hope/ Oh God You are my living hope

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Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Aaron Petty

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/ Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts/ Praise father, son, and holy ghost

Life Together

Ethan Smith

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy”

Ethan Smith

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,

⁹ where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works for forty years.

¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.’

¹¹ As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest.’”

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵ As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

¹ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Hebrews 3:7-4:11

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: *Thanks be to God*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Lord's Supper Instructions

- We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first. An usher will tell you when to come.
- Households may approach together. We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn.
- Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread.
- Another server will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up. Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer/ There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom/ My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus/ For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine/ Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken/ For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing/ For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me/ Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome/ Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven/ The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon/ And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated/ Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free/ Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus/ For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me/ Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus/ All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat/ Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me/ Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Benediction

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.