



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

Saturday, November 14, 2020

5:00pm

Sunday, November 15, 2020

11:00am

Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. Whether you're worshiping with us in person or online, for the first time or are a regular part of our family, we hope that this worship service enables you to see the majesty and beauty of Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship – Revelation 4:8,11

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: Holy and awesome is his name! His praise endures forever!

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle;
We won't fear the night;
We will walk the Valley with You by our side.
You will go before us;
You will lead the way;
We have found a refuge only You can save.

Chorus

Sing with joy now: our God is for us!
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now: no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble;
Even when I fall;
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon;

You will not forsake;
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace.

Chorus

Sing with joy now: our God is for us!
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now: no love is greater.
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Bridge

Neither height nor depth can separate us;
Hell and death will not defeat us;
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love. (Chorus)

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Scripture Reading — Isaiah 42:1-5

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life, in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life.

All: Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you. We have broken our fellowship with you who are source of life.

Leader: We have hurt others, who are made in your image.

All: We have damaged ourselves, who have been created to reflect your beauty.

Leader: Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake.

All: Grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being, so that we walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — Romans 3:23-26

Leader: We are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

All: Jesus satisfied God's justice on my behalf, so that I could be righteousness in Him!

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice.
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me. *(repeat)*

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Prayer for the Covenant Kids Ministry

Children's Recessional

Sermon: The Justice of God

Outline:

1. The problem of injustice in our world
2. The vindication of God's justice
3. The problem of injustice in our hearts

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
- ³ For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- ⁴ For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
- ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
- ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
- ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
- ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
- ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
- ¹¹ And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- ¹² Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
- ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
- ¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
- ¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,

¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.

¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!

²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

²¹ When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

²² I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Figure A.

When a successful figure becomes especially prominent and conspicuous, the majority give way to the idolization of success. They become blind to right and wrong, truth and untruth, fair play and foul play. They have eyes only for the deed, for the successful result. The moral and intellectual critical faculty is blunted. It is dazzled by the brilliance of the successful man and by the longing in some way to share in his success.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sermon on 2 Corinthians 12:9, London, 1934 (*Collected Works*, Vol 13.) p. 402-403

Figure B.

Don't you see the better you are, the more likely you are to be wrestling like this at some point? In fact, I go so far as to say, if you have never felt like this man, you're really not trying very hard to find God. You're not trying very hard to lead a decent life. Oh no, you're probably living the selfish life.

Tim Keller, "Psalm 73: The Problem of Injustice", November 21, 1993

Figure C.

Though the mills of God grind slowly; Yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting, with exactness grinds He all.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow "Retribution", *Poetic Aphorisms*, 1846

Figure D.

The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community; the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves.

Bruce Waltke, *Commentary on Genesis*

Figure E.

The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone; Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand;
What comes apart from His command;
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus:

O, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O, sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good; God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise;
Who stands above the stormy trial;
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ. *(Chorus)*

Chorus:

O, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O, sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave what shall we sing?
Christ He lives; Christ He lives.
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord;
Then sin and death will be destroyed;
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore. *(Chorus)*

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Benediction

May the surety of God's justice comfort you this week and may He empower you to live
a life of justice.

Announcements

COVID Relief

Thank you for donating to and serving at the food pantry. The economic impact of COVID continues to be felt by many in our community.

Just so that you are aware, a volunteer serving in the satellite parking lot of the food pantry this week was diagnosed with asymptomatic COVID. While this person did not come into contact with the regular group of volunteers, please be diligent to wear masks and social distance if you volunteer this week. The sign up is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48afa72fabfc1-november11>

Book Recommendation

The Session met this week (and two weeks ago) to discuss Dr. Irwin Ince's book *The Beautiful Community*. Dr. Ince is an African-American minister that recently served as the moderator of our denominations General Assembly. The book challenges our church to see the doctrine of unity in diversity as a gospel imperative.

Request for Sermon Feedback

A member of our church gave me helpful feedback this week. In a recent sermon, I stated that in American culture seniors often live in retirement communities rather than in the homes of their grown children. The member pointed out that while this is true of *white* culture in America, this is not true of *non-white* culture. I carelessly made white culture synonymous with American culture. If I make cultural gaffes that this in the future, please let me know.

Covenant Kids:

As was stated last week, our church is in need of new leaders who can administer our children's ministry. Please let Pastor Matt know if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

Financial Update

2020 General Fund Giving as of October 31: \$195,554.49

2020 Expenses as of October 31: \$205,422.15

Deficit: \$9,867.66

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