

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 25, 2023 at 10 am

*“Furthermore, the LORD declares that he will make a house for you—a dynasty of kings! . . .
Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time,
and your throne will be secure forever.” (2 Samuel 7:8–16)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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“HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty. (x 2)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**to come to you in these moments,
to confess our sins,
to receive forgiveness and give it,
to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits,
to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.
Open our ears to hear your Word.

**Visit us through your Holy Spirit,
and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

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HYMN #155: "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING" (verses 1-2)

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Heavenly Father,
You have gone to great lengths to redeem us by Your Son Jesus Christ,
and you invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom.
And yet, we forget, Lord.**

**We forget that You have sanctified us for greater things.
We confess that we abandon You when our comfort is threatened.
We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves
and our own interests.**

**Forgive us of our sins—our violation of your will and holiness.
Cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on You.
Speak to our fearful hearts.**

**Open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of You,
and to the adventure of living for your glory each and every day.
May we represent you well this week,
acting as your hands and feet in the world around us.
We pray this humbly in Christ's Name. Amen.**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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"MAJESTY"

Majesty, worship His Majesty:
Unto Jesus, be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty:
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings. (x2)

"Majesty" by Jack W. Hayford.

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* *Please stand if you are able*

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "A Dynasty of Kings"

2 Samuel 7:1-29

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. ⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

⁸ "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

¹⁷ Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

"Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

²⁰ "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²² "How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a

name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? ²⁴ You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD, have become their God.

²⁵ “And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

²⁷ “LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons’ provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

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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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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HYMN #151: “CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS” (verses 1, 3–4)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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| Tuesday, June 20 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:00) |
| Sunday, July 2 | Worship and Communion |
| Tuesday, July 18 | Potluck supper with the Basler family (5:00–7:00)
(more details to follow) |