FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 12, 2022 at 10 am

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

(John 14:16–17)

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise to you, triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God our Father, we praise and adore you, the origin of all things and our loving provider.

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we praise and adore you, the living Word, Wisdom, and the exact image of the Father.

Holy Spirit, we praise you and adore you, the eternal power and might, our Comforter and Advocate.

Loving God, we acknowledge the mystery of your being and bow before you in awe and gratitude, for you have drawn us into your communion of love, through Christ, our Lord, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN #139: "COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success; Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,

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And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 16-18

HYMN #151: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

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 love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

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.

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.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life"—Chuck Guth

JOHN 14:1-11

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' Fund and the World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund helps support a Sponsored Child through World Vision.

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.

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #276: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [REFRAIN]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [REFRAIN]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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