

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 14, 2024 at 10 am

"As you are going about your lives make disciples of all people, everywhere, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. (Matthew 28:19-20)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"HE HAS MADE ME GLAD"

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

*He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad;
He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
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I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness;
Let us exalt his name together.

**Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

**We will proclaim God's name to our brothers and sisters.
We will praise you, O God, among your assembled people.**

All who seek the LORD will praise him.
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

**The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.
All the families of the nations will bow down before him.
For royal power belongs to the LORD.
He rules all the nations.**

* Please stand if you are able

As we worship together today,
let's prepare our hearts and minds, our attitudes and motivations,
to be ambassadors of Christ and a blessing to all those around us,
that they, too, might come to know and worship God.

Based on Psalm 34:3, 5, 8 and Psalm 22:22, 26-28.

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HYMN #280: "AMAZING GRACE"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHOIR: "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"How Might We Be a Blessing? (Refining Our Focus)"*

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. . . .¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

1 Peter 2:9-12

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

* *Please stand if you are able*

light. 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.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 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. . . .

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Therefore as you are going about your lives make disciples of all people, everywhere, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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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HYMN #411: "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION

REFLECTING AND IMAGINING:
What Might Being a Blessing Look Like?

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Potluck (after the service)
- Tuesday, Apr 16** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer Caregivers' Support Group (1:00)
Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, Apr 17** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, Apr 18** Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Saturday, Apr 20** Feast for All (5:00 – 7:00)
- Sunday, Apr 21** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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