

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

March 5, 2023 at 10 am

"God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son." (Genesis 22:8)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"WE WILL GLORIFY"

We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

**All-Knowing and Holy God,
you seek those who will worship you in spirit and in truth
and so we ask you to inspire and bless our worship:
in words and music,
in prayers and hymns,
in our reading of Scripture.**

**Open our hearts and minds and lips as we worship you today,
that we may listen with an alert conscience to your Word,
and come to receive the bread and cup
with repentance and faith and gratitude.**

**We ask this in the name of him
through whom alone our worship is acceptable to you:
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

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“HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY”

Holy, holy, holy.
Seraph choirs extol Thee;
Bending wings they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty.
Thou alone art holy;
Who on earth is like Thee,
Grant that we like Thee may be:
holy, holy, holy.

Mighty, mighty, mighty.
Sun and stars declare Thee;
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow’r and deity.
Thou alone art mighty;
Naught was made without Thee,
Grant that we Thy pow’r may see:
Mighty, mighty, mighty.

Worthy, worthy, worthy.
Saints in heav’n exalt Thee;
Lamb once slain now raised to reign,
Savior Judge and conq-ring King.
Thou alone art worthy;
All was made to please Thee;
Grant that we in heav’n may sing:
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Glory, glory, glory.
We Thy church adore Thee.
Called by grace to bring Thee praise,
Trophies of Thy pow’r to save.
None shall share Thy glory;
All shall bow before Thee;
Father Son and Spirit One:
Glory, glory, glory.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

* *Please stand if you are able*

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

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“O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast unmeasured boundless free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward leading homeward,
To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore.
How He loveth ever loveth,
Changeth never nevermore.
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watches over them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“Abraham: Final Exam”*

Genesis 22:1-19

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

* *Please stand if you are able*

² “Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

³ The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ “Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”

⁶ So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, ⁷ Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”

⁸ “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

⁹ When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹ At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

¹² “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”

¹³ Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴ Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the LORD will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵ Then the angel of the LORD called again to Abraham from heaven. ¹⁶ “This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that ¹⁷ I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

¹⁹ Then they returned to the servants and traveled back to Beersheba, where Abraham continued to live.

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 supports a Sponsored Child through World Vision.*

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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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and partake of it in unison.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me.
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. [REFRAIN]

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. [REFRAIN]

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. [REFRAIN]

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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| Mon, March 6 | Stewardship Meeting (1:00 pm) |
| Tues, March 7 | Worship at Channel Point (10:30) |
| Wed, March 8, 15, 22 & 29 | Lent Coffee & Study (1:00 pm); Soup & Study (6:00 pm) |
| Thurs, March 9 | Session (7:00 pm) |
| Sun, March 12 | Youth Group (4:30 pm) |
| Thurs, March 16 | Deacons (6:00 pm) |
| Sun, March 19 | Celebration of the Church's 135th Anniversary
Potluck (after the 10:00 service) |
| Tues, March 21 | Alzheimer's Support Group (1:00 pm) |
| Sat, March 25 | Feast For All (5:00 – 7:00 pm) |
| Sun, March 26 | Youth Group (4:30 pm) |