

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

October 16, 2022 at 10 am

*“Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble. . . . repay evil with blessing.” (1 Peter 3:8-9)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #473: “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH” (verses 1-2, 4-5)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. [REFRAIN]

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. [REFRAIN]

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. [REFRAIN]

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O LORD, you have examined our hearts and know everything about us.
You know when we sit down or stand up.
You know our thoughts even when we're far away.

**You see us when we travel and when we rest at home. You know everything we do.
You know what we are going to say even before we say it, LORD.**

You go before us and follow us. You place your hand of blessing on our heads.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand!

We can never escape from your Spirit! We can never get away from your presence!

If we go up to heaven, you are there; if we go down to the grave, you are there.
If we ride the wings of the morning, if we dwell by the farthest oceans,
even there your hand will guide us, and your strength will support us.

**We could ask the darkness to hide us and the light around us to become night—
but even in darkness we cannot hide from you.**

To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

You made all the delicate, inner parts of each of our bodies
and knit us together in our mother's womb.

Thank you for making each one of us so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well we know it.

**You watched us as we were being formed in utter seclusion,
as we were woven together in the dark of the womb.**

You saw us before we were born.

Every day of our lives were recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

How precious are your thoughts about each of us, O God. They cannot be numbered!

We can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!

And when we wake up, you are still with us!

Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in us that offends you,
and lead us—all of us—along the path of everlasting life.

Adapted from Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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"THERE IS A REDEEMER"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One.

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. [REFRAIN]

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King, forever,
In that holy place. [REFRAIN]

"There Is a Redeemer," by Melody Green.

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* Please stand if you are able

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“Love Life and See Good Days”*—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 3:1–12

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. ⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life

and see good days

must keep their tongue from evil

and their lips from deceitful speech.

¹¹ *They must turn from evil and do good;*

they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous*

and his ears are attentive to their prayer,

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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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HYMN #507: *“I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD”* (verses 1–4)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

* *Please stand if you are able*

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

COMMUNION

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.*

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"THE SERVANT SONG"

Brother let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

Brother sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

"The Servant Song," by Richard Gillard.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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