

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 14, 2022 at 10 am

“The God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.” (Psalm 29:3)

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE,
PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth!

**Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD,
he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him;
bless his name!**

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us exalt God’s name together!

Psalm 100

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HYMN #482: “PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (UNISON)

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change.
Open to us a future in which we can be changed
as the Holy Spirit works in our lives.**

**Grant us your transforming grace
that we might grow, more and more, into your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Amen.

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“WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR”

Wonderful merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise;
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. **[REFRAIN]**

Almighty, infinite, Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us,
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. **[REFRAIN]**

*“Wonderful Merciful Savior” by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse,
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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Learning about God through Imagery"—Chuck Guth

Psalm 29

A psalm of David.

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

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.

* *Please stand if you are able*

"ROCK OF AGES"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

*"Rock of Ages" by Augustus Montague Toplady and Thomas Hastings,
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #315: "EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT"

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine. **[REFRAIN]**

Jordan river, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
It runs to heaven and then right back. **[REFRAIN]**

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