

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 24, 2022 at 10 am

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:9-11)*

PRELUDE

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
AND PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS**

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.
(Psalm 100)

HYMN #476: "O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE" (1,2,5)

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

PASSING THE PEACE

“10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

“My Story in Six Texts” —Chuck Guth

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

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ROMANS 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

JAMES 3:1

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, 25

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. . . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY MUSC: INSTRUMENTAL

HYMN #356: "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**THE CORPORATE CONFESSION:
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (QUESTIONS 45 AND 57)**

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,
so that he might make us share in the righteousness
he obtained for us by his death.**

**Second, by his power we too
are already raised to a new life.**

**Third, Christ's resurrection
is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

Q. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

**Not only will my soul be taken
immediately after this life to Christ its head,
but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ,
reunited with my soul,
and made like Christ's glorious body.**

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "MORE THAN WONDERFUL"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

1 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
2 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

3 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

4 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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