FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

September 25, 2022 at 10 am

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy."" (1 Peter 1:15–16)

PRELUDE

HYMN #464: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE" (verses 1 and 3)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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

CHOIR: "WALKING IN SUNLIGHT"

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

Holy is he!

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O LORD our God, you answered your chosen ones; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 99:1-5, 8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy and Loving God, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. Help us to see our sin as you do but do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation so that we may love you, and live for you, with a holy love. Amen.

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

"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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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Be Holy"—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #399: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" (verses 1-2, 4-6)

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose, Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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