

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 5, 2024 at 10 am

*"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### **"10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)"**

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*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.*

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. *[Refrain]*

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. *[Refrain]*

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.

*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.*

*Worship Your holy name,  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

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Since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.

**He is the kind of high priest we need  
because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin,  
and he offered himself as the sacrifice for people's sins.**

\* Please stand if you are able

With his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place  
once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

**Because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever.  
Therefore he is able, once and forever,  
to save those who come to God through him.**

And he lives forever to intercede with God on our behalf.  
So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God.

**There we will receive his mercy,  
and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.**

Let's worship the Lord together—  
coming into God's presence with our praise, confessions, and need.

*Based on Hebrews 4:14, 7:26–27, 8:12, 7:24–25, 4:16.*

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**HYMN #482: "PRAISE YE THE LORD"**

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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.

**CHOIR**

**READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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Sermon: *"Joyful Living: When All about You . . ."*

**Philippians 1:12–19**

And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. <sup>13</sup> For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. <sup>16</sup> They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. <sup>17</sup> Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. <sup>18</sup> But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will

continue to rejoice. <sup>19</sup> For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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### ***"TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"***

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O soul, are you weary and troubled,  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in his wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

*(Our elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice)*

#### ***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.

***I believe in Jesus Christ*** his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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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### ***"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"***

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When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:  
It is well, It is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come;  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

*It is well with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. [*Refrain*]  
And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so it is well with my soul. [*Refrain*]

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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### CALENDAR

- TODAY** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)  
Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, May 7** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)  
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)  
Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, May 8** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, May 9** Session (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, May 12** Mother's Day Breakfast (8:30 – 9:30 am)  
Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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