

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 15, 2022 at 10 am

"I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**to come to you in these moments,
to confess our sins,
to receive forgiveness and give it,
to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits,
to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

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

CHOIR: "MORNING HAS BROKEN"

HYMN #359: "BE THOU MY VISION"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #485: "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "I AM the Light of the World"—Chuck Guth

JOHN 8:12-20

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."

Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."

They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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 helps support the Sponsored Child through World Vision.

OFFERTORY MUSC: INSTRUMENTAL

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION: *NICENE CREED* (PART ONE)

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made human,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

"BEHOLD OUR GOD"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice:

*Behold our God seated on His throne;
Come let us adore Him.*

*Behold our King nothing can compare;
Come let us adore Him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **[Refrain]**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands;
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign! **[Refrain]**

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COMMUNION

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

HYMN #411: "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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