

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 16, 2023 at 10 am

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #288: "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.
We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

God will not turn away from us.
God will heal us and restore us.

Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

* Please stand if you are able

**Lord, come to us in our rejoicing and praise;
heal us in our brokenness and sorrow.**

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

**for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

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"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

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.*

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. *[Refrain]*

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious tho't—
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]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**O God of peace,
we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.**

**Break down those walls.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.**

**Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you,
through Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

CHOIR: "HE CAME IN LOVE"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“Be Not Anxious”* - Guest Preacher Jim Rhoads

Matthew 6:25–34

“I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

²⁸ “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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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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

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“BE STILL MY SOUL”

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you will better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.

Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WEBSITE: ABERDEENPRES.ORG

CALENDAR

- TODAY, April 16** Potluck (after the 10:00 service)
Youth Group (4:30 pm)
- Monday, April 17** Stewardship Meeting (10:00)
- Tuesday, April 18** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Thurs, April 20** Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
Session (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, April 30** Sharing Table (before and after the service)