

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 28, 2023 at 10 am

"I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people." (Leviticus 26:12)
"All the families on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:3)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD"

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known,
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.*

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I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

*"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" by James Henry Fillmore Sr.,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lord, you are present even before we invoke your presence,
your Spirit bestowed at Pentecost, promised to us always.

So we rejoice in your presence and your promise,
and we ask you to move among us as we worship together.

**You know our cares and our concerns;
you know our trials and tribulations;
you know our joys and our sorrows.
And in all that we are, we are nothing without you.**

So today we come to you in worship
from a multitude of moments,
from a variety of backgrounds,
from all walks of living, yet one in the Spirit.

**And we humbly give thanks,
that the promises we count upon remain true today,
as they have for generation upon generation.**

Your mercies are great and everlasting, O Lord,
and we give thanks. Amen.

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HYMN #398: "THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

A PENTECOST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

STORIES OF BLESSING: LESLIE AND JOHN O'BRIEN

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HYMN #326: "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“Review: Blessing and Praise”*

Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be merciful and bless us.
 May his face smile with favor on us. *Interlude*
- ² May your ways be known throughout the earth,
 your saving power among people everywhere.
- ³ May the nations praise you, O God.
 Yes, may all the nations praise you.
- ⁴ Let the whole world sing for joy,
 because you govern the nations with justice
 and guide the people of the whole world. *Interlude*
- ⁵ May the nations praise you, O God.
 Yes, may all the nations praise you.
- ⁶ Then the earth will yield its harvests,
 and God, our God, will richly bless us.
- ⁷ Yes, God will bless us,
 and people all over the world will fear him.

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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HYMN #316: *“BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD”*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,

* *Please stand if you are able*

Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WEBSITE: ABERDEENPRES.ORG

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, May 30** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
- Sunday, June 4** Reception of Youth Confirmands;
Celebration of Graduates;
Communion (10:00 worship service)
- Thurs, June 8** Session (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, June 18** Celebration of Fathers (Pie and Ice Cream Fellowship Time)