

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

September 4, 2022 at 10 am

*"My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever." (Psalms 145:21)*

PRELUDE

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"THIS IS THE DAY"

This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made, That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, We will rejoice,
And be glad in it, And be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.

"This is the Day" by Les Garrett

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

Revelation 15:3-4; 19:6-7

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HYMN #487: "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES"

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You can join in as a unison prayer, or pray along silently.

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not always loved you in return.**

You constantly call us, but too often we do not listen.

**You ask us to love,
but it's so easy to walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

**We ignore or condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
We are sinners in need of your forgiveness.**

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "God is Great; God is Good"—Chuck Guth

Psalm 145

A psalm of praise. Of David.

¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

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.*

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HYMN #210: "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" (verses 1-3)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

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"YET NOT I BUT CHRIST THROUGH ME"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

* Please stand if you are able

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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