

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 20, 2023 at 10 am

*"I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.
All the families on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"I LOVE YOU, LORD"

I love You, Lord,
And I lift my voice
To worship You;
O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
In what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear. [x2]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever!
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

**Your unfailing love will last forever.
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.**

All heaven will praise your great wonders, LORD;
myriads of angels will praise you for your faithfulness.

**Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O LORD?
You are entirely faithful.**

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,
for they will walk in the light of your presence.

Psalm 89:1-2, 4-5, 8, 15.

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HYMN #276: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

* Please stand if you are able

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us.
You know not only what we say, but also what we think.
You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said.**

**You know how quick we are to praise ourselves
because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart,
boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments.**

**You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves
even when we have turned our backs on you,
fascinating ourselves with our own news and desires,
with alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own.
Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent.**

**Gracious and merciful God,
forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

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

SOLO: "OH, I WANT TO KNOW YOU MORE" (Steve Cavin)

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Review: God's Story in the Old Testament"*

Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Exodus 6:6-8

Say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. . . . ⁸ I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!'"

Isaiah 11:1-10

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

² And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

⁴ He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.

The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment. . . .

¹⁰ In that day the heir to David's throne
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.

Psalms 87:3-6

O city of God,
what glorious things are said of you!

⁴ I will count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me—
also Philistia and Tyre, and even distant Ethiopia.
They have all become citizens of Jerusalem!

⁵ Regarding Jerusalem it will be said,
"Everyone enjoys the rights of citizenship there."
And the Most High will personally bless this city.

⁶ When the LORD registers the nations, he will say,
"They have all become citizens of Jerusalem."

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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"WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR"

Wonderful merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise;
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *[Refrain]*

Almighty, infinite, Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us,
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *[Refrain]*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, August 22** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Sunday, August 27** Commissioning of Educators and Prayer for Students
(included in 10:00 service)
- Sunday, Sept 10** Fall Kick-Off Sunday!