

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 11, 2023 at 10 am

"They don't want me to be their king any longer." (1 Samuel 8:7)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"AS THE DEER"

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you,
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

* *Please stand if you are able*

**All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

Psalms 145:1-2, 5-13

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HYMN #139: "COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHOIR: "FOR WHERE LOVE IS"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"We Want a King!"*

1 Samuel 8

As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. ² Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. ³ But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. ⁵ "Look," they told him, "you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have."

⁶ Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the LORD for guidance. ⁷ "Do everything they say to you," the LORD replied, "for they are rejecting me, not you. They

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don't want me to be their king any longer. ⁸ Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. ⁹ Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."

¹⁰ So Samuel passed on the LORD's warning to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ "This is how a king will reign over you," Samuel said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. ¹² Some will be generals and captains in his army, some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. ¹³ The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. ¹⁴ He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. ¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle and donkeys for his own use. ¹⁷ He will demand a tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding, but then the LORD will not help you."

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. ²⁰ "We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle."

²¹ So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, ²² and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.

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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"SEEK YE FIRST"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things
Shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

"Seek Ye First," by Karen Lafferty.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Youth Group (4:00 pm) |
| Tuesday, June 13 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:00)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm) |
| Thurs, June 15 | Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm) |
| Sunday, June 18 | Celebrating Father's Day with after church
Pie and Ice Cream Fellowship |
| Tuesday, June 20 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:00)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm) |