

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 18, 2024 at 10 am

Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked. "Even the winds and waves obey him!"

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah,
and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."
Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" (Matthew 8:26-27; 16:13-15)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

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HYMN #151: *CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS*

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Dear Friends:
This is how God loved the world:
He gave his one and only Son, as an atoning sacrifice for our sins—
and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

**And because of Jesus' sacrifice for us,
everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world,
but to save the world through him.

**God's light came into the world,
and those who do what is right come to the light
so others can see that they are doing what God wants.**

This is our God!
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Based on John 3:16-21, 1 John 2:2, and John 4:24.

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BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice:

Behold our God seated on His throne:

Come let us adore Him;

Behold our King nothing can compare:

Come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *[Refrain]*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. *[Refrain]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Our Father in Heaven,
We come to you as people
who have too readily absorbed the idea that we are basically good,
that sin is little more than error of judgment,
that self-fulfillment should be our goal.**

**Help us to see sin as you see it—
as a violation of your holiness,
as rebellion against your will,
as a failure to be what you created us to be.**

**With Paul we acknowledge that we all have sinned,
we all fall short of your glory.**

**Forgive us Lord;
In your mercy and compassion wash us,
cleanse us,
blot out the stain of our sin.**

**Transform us into the image of your son,
Help us to be holy as you are holy;
Renew a loyal and obedient spirit within us;
Lead us to lives that glorify you.**

And now hear our individual and silent prayers . . .

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HYMN #310: *JESUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Who Is this Man?"

John 1:1-18

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

¹⁵ John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

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.

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Aug. 20** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Aug. 21** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, Aug. 22** Dave Anderson Memorial Service
(1:00 in the chapel at Fern Hill Funeral Home)
- Sunday, Aug. 25** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, Aug 28** Lawn Concert with *Coast Trio*

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