

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

October 2, 2022 at 10 am

*"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession. . . .
You are the people of God." (1 Peter 2:9, 10)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"BIND US TOGETHER"

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken;
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God;
There is only one King;
There is only one body;
That is why we can sing. [REFRAIN]

Made for the glory of God;
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean;
For Jesus the vict'ry has won. [REFRAIN]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

**You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created and have their being.**

You are worthy of our worship, Lamb of God,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

* *Please stand if you are able*

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!**

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!

Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9-10, 12, 13

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HYMN #485: "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [REFRAIN]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Our Identity in Christ"—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶ For in Scripture it says:

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."*

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

*"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"*

⁸ and,

* *Please stand if you are able*

*“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”*

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “THE APOSTLES’ CREED” (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN #439: “IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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.*

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"IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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