

First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen

July 18, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[b] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Hymn - I'm Feeling Mighty Fine

Solo by Bob Neisinger

The Corporate Confession - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of 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.

*catholic means universal

Hymn #296 - Walk On, O People of God

Refrain

Walk on, O people of God; walk on, O people of God!
A new law, God's new alliance, all creation is reborn.
Walk on, O people of God; walk on, O people of God!

1 Look on Calvary's summit; on the rock there towers a cross,
death that gives birth to new living, a new people, a new light.
Christ has brought us salvation with his death and rising again.
Ev'rything comes to new birthing, all creation is reborn. **[Refrain]**

2 Christ takes into his body all our sin, enslavement, and pain;
as he destroys them he brings us life's abundance, life's new joy.
Christ brings reconciliation to all things and people with God.
Nature bursts into new flow'ring, all creation is reborn. **[Refrain]**

3 Heav'n and earth are embracing, and our souls find pardon at last.

Now heaven's gates are reopened to the sinner, to us all.
Israel walks a journey; now we live, salvation's our song;
Christ's resurrection has freed us. There are new worlds to explore. [Refrain]

The Reading and Proclamation of Scripture - Pastor Dave Emery

“Self Help”

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, ^[1] which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

We Respond To God’s Love with Our Offerings

**The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons’ fund.
Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need**

Offertory Music – Instrumental

Hymn #144 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Communion

Hymn - Behold Our God

1 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

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

2 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

3 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

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Benediction

Postlude