

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

July 23, 2023 at 10 am

*"O Jerusalem, cleanse your heart that you may be saved. . . .
Even now, if you quit your evil ways, I will let you stay in your own land." (Jeremiah 4:14; 7:3)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21.

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HYMN #482: "PRAISE YE THE LORD"

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

SOLO: "WE BELIEVE" (Steve Cavin)

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"The Prophets: Warnings of Judgment . . ."*

Jeremiah 7:1-15

The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ² "Go to the entrance of the LORD's Temple, and give this message to the people: 'O Judah, listen to this message from the LORD! Listen to it, all of you who worship here! ³ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says:

"Even now, if you quit your evil ways, I will let you stay in your own land. ⁴ But don't be fooled by those who promise you safety simply because the LORD's Temple is here. They chant, "The LORD's Temple is here! The LORD's Temple is here!" ⁵ But I will be merciful only if you stop your evil thoughts and deeds and start treating each other with justice; ⁶ only if you stop exploiting foreigners, orphans, and widows; only if you stop your murdering; and only if you stop harming yourselves by worshiping idols. ⁷ Then I will let you stay in this land that I gave to your ancestors to keep forever.

⁸ "Don't be fooled into thinking that you will never suffer because the Temple is here. It's a lie! ⁹ Do you really think you can steal, murder, commit adultery, lie, and burn incense to Baal and all those other new gods of yours, ¹⁰ and then come here and stand before me in my Temple and chant, "We are safe!"—only to go right back to all those evils again? ¹¹ Don't you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a den of thieves? Surely I see all the evil going on there. I, the LORD, have spoken!

¹² "Go now to the place at Shiloh where I once put the Tabernacle that bore my name. See what I did there because of all the wickedness of my people, the Israelites. ¹³ While you were doing these wicked things, says the LORD, I spoke to you about it repeatedly, but you would not listen. I called out to you, but you refused to answer. ¹⁴ So just as I destroyed Shiloh, I will now destroy this Temple that bears my name, this Temple that you trust in for help, this place that I gave to you and your ancestors. ¹⁵ And I will send you out of my sight into exile, just as I did your relatives, the people of Israel.'

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

O Lord, you are a great and awesome God!
You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love
to those who love you and obey your commands.
But we have sinned and done wrong.
We have rebelled against you
and scorned your commands and regulations.
We have too often refused to listen to your word,
your servants, and the Holy Spirit
"Lord, you are in the right;
but as you see, our faces are covered with shame
because we have sinned against you.
But you, Lord our God, are merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against you.

In view of all your faithful mercies:
O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive.
O Lord, listen and act!
For your own sake, do not delay, O my God,
for we are your people, and we bear your name.

Derived from Daniel 9:4-19

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

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

"GRACE GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater— yes, grace untold—
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *[Refrain]*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? *[Refrain]*

“CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH”

What is our hope in life and death
 Christ alone Christ alone
 What is our only confidence
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand
 What comes apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end
 The love of Christ in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ. *[Refrain]*

Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore. *[Refrain]*

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CALENDAR

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| Tuesday, July 25 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) |
| Sunday, July 30 | Sharing Table (before and after the worship service) |
| Tuesday, August 1 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
National Night Out (5:30–7:30) |
| Thursday, August 3 | Bike-and-Build Dinner (6:00–7:30) |