

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

*October 24, 2021 at 10 am  
Continuing Book Series: The Prodigal God*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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### ZEPHANIAH: 3:15-17

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;

he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

## HYMN - BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

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1 Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

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2 When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within

Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died

My sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me

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3 Behold Him there the risen Lamb

My perfect spotless righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

4 I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love  
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## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION - THE APOSTLES' CREED

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*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*

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## HYMN - COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

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1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, Son of God, will save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power.

### Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.  
2 Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all. [Refrain]

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## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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*Sermon: "Hopeful Homecoming" - Pastor Dave Emery*

### ISAIAH 35:1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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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 \*\***

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### HYMN # 85 - WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

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1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the \*heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### **HYMN #276 - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

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1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

#### **Refrain**

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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