

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

July 24, 2022 at 10 am

"O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!" (Psalm 8:1)

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

**² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

**⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,
⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

**⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,**

you princes and all rulers on earth,
¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

Praise the LORD.

Psalm 148

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]

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN #288: "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

This is my Father's world,
 And to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings
 The music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world:
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
 Oh, let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world:
 The battle is not done:
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"—Chuck Guth

Psalm 104:1-5; 8:1-9

Praise the LORD, my soul.

LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.

He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.

He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.

Psalm 8:1-9

For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,

the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 OUR FAITH

We know God by two means:

**First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe,
since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book
in which all creatures, great and small,
are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God:
God's eternal power and divinity,
as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20.
All these things are enough to convict humans
and to leave them without excuse.**

**Second, God makes himself known to us more clearly
by his holy and divine Word,
as much as we need in this life,
for God's glory and for our salvation.**

Belgic Confession, Article 2: "The Means by Which We Know God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #467: "HOW GREAT THOU ART" (VERSES 1 AND 2)

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [REFRAIN]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Please stand if you are able*

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Office Hours

Aries will be in the office this week on Monday and Wednesday,
but then gone from Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, August 14.

Chuck will be in and out of the office, but not with necessarily predictable office hours. If you need anything, at any time, please call Chuck on his cell (847-800-7119).

Facility Maintenance Hours: 9 am – 1 pm (Tues)

WEBSITE: ABERDEENPRES.ORG

Favorite Hymns/Worship Songs