

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

September 18, 2022 at 10 am

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope . . ." (1 Peter 1:3)*

PRELUDE

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"I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD"

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known,
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.**

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

(Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 20-22)

* Please stand if you are able

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HYMN #142: "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.

But our love is inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day we ignore your calling;
we resist your Holy Spirit;
we fail to grow into Christ's likeness.

In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

HYMN #356: "COME, THOU FOUNT" (verses 1, 3)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "*Our Living Hope*"—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 1:3-12

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

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.*

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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

HYMN #379: "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. [REFRAIN]

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. [REFRAIN]

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. [REFRAIN]

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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"AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

* Please stand if you are able

*My chains are gone I've been set free;
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio;
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