

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN**

*July 7, 2024 at 10 am*

*"Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne  
and to the Lamb forever and ever." (Revelation 5:13)*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

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**HYMN #288: I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD**

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I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

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This is the day that you have made, Lord.

**Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!**

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**to come to you in these moments,  
to confess our sins,  
to receive forgiveness and give it,  
to pray and sing and listen,  
to renew our fainting spirits,  
to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

**Open our ears to hear your Word.**

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,  
and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

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***HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY***

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Holy, holy, holy.  
Seraph choirs extol Thee;  
Bending wings they humbly sing of Thy lofty majesty.  
Thou alone art holy;  
Who on earth is like Thee,  
Grant that we like Thee may be:  
holy, holy, holy.

Mighty, mighty, mighty.  
Sun and stars declare Thee;  
All creation joins to sing of Thy pow'r and deity.  
Thou alone art mighty;  
Naught was made without Thee,  
Grant that we Thy pow'r may see:  
Mighty, mighty, mighty.

Worthy, worthy, worthy.  
Saints in heav'n exalt Thee;  
Lamb once slain now raised to reign,  
Savior Judge and conq-ring King.  
Thou alone art worthy;  
All was made to please Thee;  
Grant that we in heav'n may sing:  
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Glory, glory, glory.  
We Thy church adore Thee.  
Called by grace to bring Thee praise,  
Trophies of Thy pow'r to save.  
None shall share Thy glory;  
All shall bow before Thee;  
Father Son and Spirit One:  
Glory, glory, glory.

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**

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**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;**

**Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

*Psalm 51:1-4, 9-10, 12.*

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

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***IN CHRIST ALONE***

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In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground:  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease:  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

\* *Please stand if you are able*

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand,  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"Finding Meaning in the Symbols of our Faith"*

### Ezekiel 41:15-26

The sanctuary, the inner room, and the entry room of the Temple<sup>16</sup> were all paneled with wood, as were the frames of the recessed windows. The inner walls of the Temple were paneled with wood above and below the windows.<sup>17</sup> The space above the door leading into the inner room, and its walls inside and out, were also paneled.<sup>18</sup> All the walls were decorated with carvings of cherubim, each with two faces, and there was a carving of a palm tree between each of the cherubim.<sup>19</sup> One face—that of a man—looked toward the palm tree on one side. The other face—that of a young lion—looked toward the palm tree on the other side. The figures were carved all along the inside of the Temple,<sup>20</sup> from the floor to the top of the walls, including the outer wall of the sanctuary.

<sup>21</sup> There were square columns at the entrance to the sanctuary, and the ones at the entrance of the Most Holy Place were similar.<sup>22</sup> There was an altar made of wood, 5¼ feet high and 3½ feet across. Its corners, base, and sides were all made of wood. "This," the man told me, "is the table that stands in the LORD's presence."

<sup>23</sup> Both the sanctuary and the Most Holy Place had double doorways,<sup>24</sup> each with two swinging doors.<sup>25</sup> The doors leading into the sanctuary were decorated with carved cherubim and palm trees, just as on the walls. And there was a wooden roof at the front of the entry room to the Temple.<sup>26</sup> On both sides of the entry room were recessed windows decorated with carved palm trees. The side rooms along the outside wall also had roofs.

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

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*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

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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.

\* Please stand if you are able

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,  
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer***

***Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"***

### ***Communion***

#### ***The Apostles' Creed***

***I believe in God the Father*** Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

***I believe in Jesus Christ*** his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by 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 will 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.

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### **HYMN #85: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

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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!

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!

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.

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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### CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30) Summer Lawn Concert (6:30–8:00)
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>	Session (7:00 pm)
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	OUTDOOR Sunday Worship (10:00 on the lawn) Potluck (after the service)

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