

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

March 19, 2023 at 10 am

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.” (Philippians 1:3)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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“THIS IS THE DAY”

This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made, That the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, We will rejoice,
And be glad in it, And be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.

“This is the Day” by Les Garrett

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalm 100

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HYMN #442: “THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION” (verses 1-2, 4-5)

The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;

* Please stand if you are able

With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

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

HYMN #339: "BE THOU MY VISION"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
 Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHOIR: "THE PEOPLE OF GOD"

We, the people of God, have decided to speak,
 to speak to one another of Life!

We, the sons and daughters of God,
 have decided to speak of Life,
 we have come to claim our heritage,
 we have come to claim our destiny
 as children of God, God the heav'nly Father.

Naming God the Father,
 the one who thrusts us into life.

Naming Jesus Christ,
 the one who lived and died for us,
 and rose again.

Naming the Holy Spirit,
 the one who dwells with us,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 O come and dwell with us,
 Abide with us.

We have come to claim our heritage,
 We have come to claim our destiny
 as children of God,
 the people of God.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Partners in the Good News"*

Philippians 1:3 - 14

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴ Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵ for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶ And I am certain that God, who began the

good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

⁷ So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. ⁸ God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. ¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

"THERE IS A REDEEMER"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One.

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. [REFRAIN]

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King, forever,
In that holy place. [REFRAIN]

"There Is a Redeemer," by Melody Green.

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
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OFFERTORY: "BLESS THIS CHURCH"

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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.

* Please stand if you are able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #280: "AMAZING GRACE"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am 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!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WEBSITE: ABERDEENPRES.ORG

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Mar 21** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
 Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesdays** Lent Coffee & Study (1:00 pm);
Mar 22, 29 Lent Soup & Study (6:00 pm)
- Saturday, Mar 25** Feast For All (5:00 – 7:00)
- Sunday, Mar 26** Youth Group (4:30 pm)
- Sunday, April 2** Palm Sunday Service (10:00)
- Thursday, April 6** Maundy Thursday (6:00 for meal; 6:30 for service)
- Sunday, April 9** **EASTER Service (10:00)**