

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 28, 2022 at 10 am

*"You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." (Psalm 86:15)*

PRELUDE

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"HE HAS MADE ME GLAD"

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made;
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad.

*He has made me glad,
He has made me glad.*

*I will rejoice for
He has made me glad;
He has made me glad,
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*"He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst,
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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,**

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Psalm 150:1-3, 6-7

* Please stand if you are able

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HYMN #376: "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" (verses 1, 3-4)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (UNISON)

**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.**

Psalms 51:1-4, 9-10, 12

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HYMN #280: "AMAZING GRACE" (verses 1-2, 4-5)

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!

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.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "*Our God Is . . .*"—Chuck Guth

Psalm 86

A prayer of David.

¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

* *Please stand if you are able*

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES'S CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

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

* *Please stand if you are able*

No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Hallelujah
My life is found in Jesus Christ;
Hallelujah
For I am His and He is mine.

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
To look on Him and pardon me. **[REFRAIN]**

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. **[REFRAIN]**

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
And poured on me His glorious love. **[REFRAIN]**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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