

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

July 17, 2022 at 10 am

*"How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?" (Psalm 13:1)*

## PRELUDE

### \* HYMN #263: "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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This is the day that the LORD has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**For his steadfast love endures forever!**

*(Psalms 118:24, 29)*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."  
Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."  
Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."  
We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."  
Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

**Lord, you said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.”**

**We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.**

**Lord, you said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”**

**In this and in so many other ways,  
we confess our failure to live up to the teaching of Christ.**

**Forgive us of our sins, Amen.**

*(A prayer based on the teaching of Jesus)*

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**HYMN #339: “BE THOU MY VISION”**

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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.

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**THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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Sermon: “*When God is SLOW*”—Chuck Guth

**Psalm 13**

*For the director of music. A psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look on me and answer, LORD my God.  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing the LORD’s praise,  
for he has been good to me.

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

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*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

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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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### "CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH"

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What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ.

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

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## 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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### ***"HERE IS LOVE, VAST AS THE OCEAN"***

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He will never be forgotten  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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