

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 01, 2022 at 10 am

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said,  
"Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14)

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

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The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

(Psalm 24:1-4)

### "HE HAS MADE ME GLAD"

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#### Verse

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

#### Chorus

He has made me glad  
He has made me glad  
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

## PASSING THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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.*

### “SPEAK O LORD”

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1 Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

2 Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3 Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"I AM' Has Sent Me to You"*—Chuck Guth

### EXODUS 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

### 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 World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund helps support the Sponsored Child through World Vision.

### OFFERTORY MUSC: INSTRUMENTAL

CHOIR: *"MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE"*

**THE CORPORATE CONFESSION:  
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I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and now sits on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

***HYMN #281: "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"***

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1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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