

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

September 8, 2024 at 10 am

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *[Refrain]*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.

**Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.
Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.**

Exult in his holy name;
rejoice, you who worship the LORD.

**Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.**

* Please stand if you are able

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:8-10, 23-24, 34

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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name;
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *[Refrain]*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *[Refrain]*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name;
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."
Forgive us for our sometimes 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 these sins, God
and now hear our private and personal confessions as well . . .

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

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HYMN #356: COME THOU FOUNT

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

CHOIR

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"I Will Build My Church"*

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

* *Please stand if you are able*

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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

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

**COMMISSIONING THE O’BRIENS
FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS**

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HYMN #379: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
Thursday, Sept. 12	Session (7:00 pm)
Saturday, Sept. 14	<i>LAUNCH OF CREATION STATION</i> (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Sunday, Sept 15	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
COMING UP	Sunday, September 22: Widow Support Group Discussion (after the service)

Helping Hands is a deacons' ministry to provide assistance with normal household problems you can't handle on your own. If you need help give Brian Krohn a call; his number is 360-580-1683. You can also pick up a card with his number on it from the table in Fellowship Hall to put on your refrigerator (or wherever you'll remember it when it's needed).

Our church uses two email lists for regular correspondence with the congregation. The first is for our weekly congregational news email (normally on Fridays). The second is to alert congregation members of prayer requests. To add your name to either please email Aries at office@aberdeenpres.org, or call her at the church office.

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