

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 08, 2022 at 10 am

*"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)*

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL NEEDS

#### **"I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD"**

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I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing I will sing  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness Thy faithfulness  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

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#### **CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

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You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
**You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.**  
Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.  
**You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.**  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.  
**For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.  
**My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**  
Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.  
**How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!**

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

*Adapted from Psalm 139:1-6,13-18*

## TRIBUTE TO AND FOR MOTHERS

### PASSING THE PEACE

#### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION: NICENE CREED (PART TWO)

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one catholic and apostolic church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

#### ***“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING”*: #356**

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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.

## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"I AM the Bread of Life"*—Chuck Guth

### JOHN 6:22-51-59

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

## **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 helps support the Sponsored Child through World Vision.

### **OFFERTORY MUSC: INSTRUMENTAL**

#### ***"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING": #466***

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O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,  
And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,  
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

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

#### ***"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"***

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

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.

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.

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.

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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