

# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel*

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**August 2, 2020**

## **Welcome Guests, Friends & Family!**

*As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.*

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## **REFLECTION** | God's people prepare for worship

*"Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us."*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

**PRAISE** | We praise our merciful & gracious God

**The Lord Gathers Us** – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice. - Peter 1:3-5 (NIV)

**PRAYER** | *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in "Spirit and truth."*

**Songs of Praise (below)**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
The Humble Shall Hear

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12*

Γ D A<sup>7</sup> D A 7 D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A 7 D G D A<sup>7</sup> D 7

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# The Humble Shall Hear

(Psalm 34)

C/V/C/V/C/C

## Chorus

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be ever in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and re-joyce.

## Verse 1

Magnify the Lord with me, and let us ex - alt His Name to - gether. I sought the Lord and He answered me, and de - livered me from all my fears!

## Verse 2

They looked to Him and were ra - diant, and their fac - es will never be ashamed; O taste and see that the Lord is Good! How blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

## **RENEWAL** | The Lord forgives his people

**Confessing our Sin** – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

**Father, Your Son Jesus authorized and commanded us to be part of Your magnificent plan of gathering the nations. Yet we confess our apathy to Your calling. Rather than going we have isolated ourselves, indifferent to the lost, and unaware of other peoples and nations. Rather than making disciples, we have been self-consumed and silent. Rather than generously giving to Your cause, we have pampered ourselves. Be gracious to us O God according to Your loving kindness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit so that we will teach Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Amen.**

### **Private Confession**

### **Words of Encouragement**

*The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

– Psalm 145:14, 17-18 (NIV)

### **We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God**

Be Still, My Soul (below)

# Be Still, My Soul



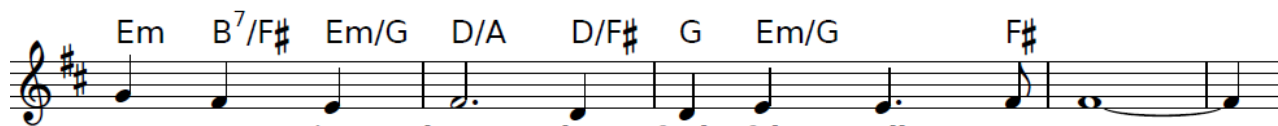
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dea - rest friends de - part, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_  
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and all is dar - kened in the vale of tears, \_\_\_\_\_  
 when we shall be fo - re - ver with the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let no - thing shake; \_\_\_\_\_  
 then shalt thou bet - ter know his love, his heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 when di - sa - ppoint - ment, grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_



in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all now my - ste - rious shall be bright at last. \_\_\_\_\_  
 who comes to soothe thy sor - row and thy fears. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. \_\_\_\_\_



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n - ly Friend \_\_\_\_\_  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know \_\_\_\_\_  
 Be still, my soul: thy Je - sus can re - pay \_\_\_\_\_  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, \_\_\_\_\_



through thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end. \_\_\_\_\_  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low. \_\_\_\_\_  
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all safe and bles - sed we shall meet at last. \_\_\_\_\_

## **PROCLAMATION** | God feeds his people

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:46-50

*We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.*

**Sermon:** "Called To Fish"

*The sermon is meant by God's design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, "God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered."*

## **RESPONSE** | We respond with thanksgiving

**We Give** – *Our offering is not simply the way our church "pays the bills;" it is an act of worship where we respond to God's grace and generosity and give back to the Lord His resources as tangible evidence of our love for Him.*

*We are grateful for your ongoing generosity to the church. It is your gifts that sustain our ministry here in Cherry Hill and around the world. Please remember that you can give on line by going to [this link](#). It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.*

**\*We Sing**

What A Friend We Have In Jesus (below)

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



**Benediction** | *Please stand as you are able*

*From the Latin "beneficiary," meaning "to bless," this is the pronouncement of God's blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.*

**We Go** – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves*