



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

May 10, 2020

Happy Mothers Day!

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

"A refugee spirituality does not make false promises for the present. It is not a prosperity gospel of peace and joy in the present... An émigré spirituality is honest about what is not granted to our generation, so as to speak – what is not granted to the human condition in this vale of tears. Hope is found in a certain art of saying goodbye, but also looking ahead to the day when Someone will greet us with, 'Welcome Home' – and knowing how to navigate in the meantime."

– James K. A. Smith.

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.*

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him.**

Psalm 145:3,4,8,9,14,17-19a (ESV)

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)

I Sing The Mighty Power of God
10,000 Reasons

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the migh - ty pow'r of God that made the moun - tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flo - wing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 that formed the crea - tures with his word and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played where - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is e - ver in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze u - pon the sky!
 and e - v'ry - where that man can be, thou, God, art pre - sent there.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

C/V/C/V/C/V/C

Chorus

A E B/D# C#m A E

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name..

B^{sus4} B A C#m A B C#m A B A/E E

Sing like ne-ver before, O my soul; I'll worship Your ho - ly name..

Verse

A/E E A E B C#m A E

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song.

B C#m A E B C#m

a - gain.. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

C#m A E B^{sus4} B E A/E

let me be sing-ing when the eve - ning comes.

A/E E A E B C#m

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to an - ger. Your
3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the

A E B C#m A E

name is great and Your heart is kind.. For all Your good-ness, I will
end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

B/D# C#m A E B^{sus4} B E A/E

keep on singing; Ten thousand rea - sons for my heart to find.
praise un - en - ding ten thousand years, and then fo - re - ver - more!

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.*

Gracious LORD, we confess that we have sinned against You with our words, in our thoughts, and through our actions. Depending on our strength, we have stumbled. Trusting in our goodness, we have become prideful. Confident in our plans for our lives, we have failed to seek Your will. We ask now, LORD, for You to forgive all of our many sins; to clean the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious son, Jesus Christ. 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)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (below)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

C G/B F/A G^{sus4} G/B

1. Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand
 2. U - pon that cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bi - ding place

Am G/B Em/C C/E F G^{sus4} G/B

The sha - dow of a migh - ty rock with - in a wear - y land.
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of thy face.

Am G/B Em/C C/E F G^{sus4} G/B

A home with - in the wil - der - ness a rest u - pon the way
 And from my ri - ven heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

C/A G/E F G C F/A G/B

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of his glo - rious love and my un - worth - i - ness.
 My sin - ful self, my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Psalm 42, 43

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

Sermon: "Hope For The Hopeless"

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**

How Great Thou Art (below)

How Great Thou Art

Words and Music by
Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

♩ = 60

VERSE

A E⁷/B A/C# D D#⁷ A/E C#m/E Bm/E E⁷



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der ___ con-sid-er all the *works Thy hand hath
 2. When thru the woods and for-est glades I wan-der ___ and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, ___ sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion ___ and take me home, what joy shall fill my
 *worlds Thy hands have

4 A E⁷/B A/C# D D#⁷ A/E C#m/E Bm/E E⁷



made, ___ I see the stars, I hear the *might-y thun-der, ___ Thy pow'r through-out the un-i-verse dis-
 trees, ___ when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur ___ and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle
 in- ___ That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, ___ He bled and died to take a-way my
 heart! ___ Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion ___ and there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou
 *roll-ing

CHORUS

8 A A A⁹/C# D D° D A A/E E⁷ E E⁷ D/E E



-played!
 breeze.
 sin!
 art!
 Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to Thee: ___ How great Thou art, ___ how great Thou

12 A A⁹/C# D D° D A E⁷/B A/C# Bm⁷/D F#⁷/C# Bm E⁷ A



art! ___ Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to Thee: ___ How great Thou art, ___ how great Thou art!

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*