

Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

July 5, 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

*There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it hardly becomes any of us
To talk about the rest of us.*

- James Hunter

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.*

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.

People: **Our God is a God who saves;
from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.**

- Psalm 68:19-20 (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)

Crown Him With Many Crowns
See The Destined Day Arise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

D Bm G D/F# G A⁷/E D A

1. Crown Him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb u - pon His throne.
2. Crown Him the Lord of life who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - tre sways
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,

A D A/C# Bm D E E/D A/C# E⁷/B A D E^{sus4} E⁷ A

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them - drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 and rose vic - to - rious in the_ strife for those He came to save!
 rich wounds yet vi - si - ble a - bove in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 from pole to pole that wars may_ cease and all be prayer and praise.
 Cre - a - tor of the rol - ling_ spheres in - ef - fa - bly su - blime!

A/G D/F# D A/E D/F# G B⁷/F# E D/F# E/G# A

A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - ced feet
 All hail, Re - dee - mer, hail! For Thou has died for me;

A/G D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ A D D/F# G D A^{sus4} A⁷ D G/D

and hail Him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 but down-ward bends each bur - ning eye at my - ste - ries so bright.
 fair flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.
 Thy praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

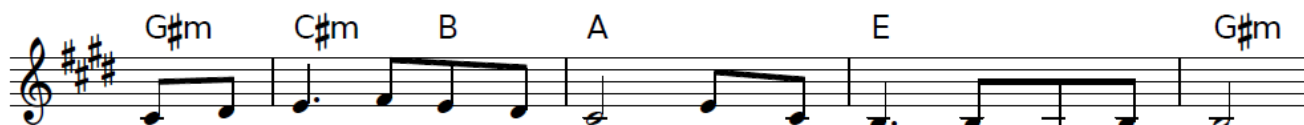
See the Destined Day Arise

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but your will, be done.” — Luke 22:42

Verse



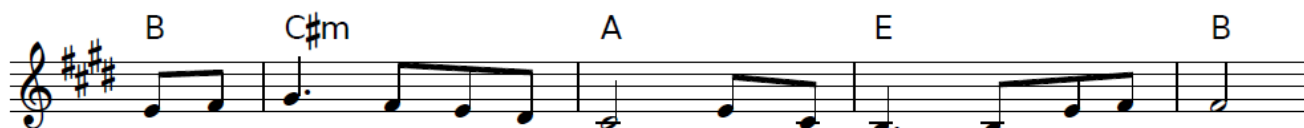
1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sa - cri - fice to place



Je - sus to re - deem our loss, hangs u - pon the shame - ful cross;
And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pier - cing spear?
All our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin and pro - mised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and jus - tice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, min - gled from Your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ry pang and bit - ter throe, fi - ni - shing Your life of woe?
Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fi - nished sa - cri - fice.
E - ver with the sons of light: “Bles - sing, ho - nor, glo - ry, might!”

Chorus



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name.

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 said that we are His friends if we do what He commands. We confess that we have not been good friends. We have not been faithful in learning His commands; we have been slow to obey His commands; we have done His commands with a bad attitude, and we have rebelled against His commands in our thoughts, words and actions. Forgive us we pray and “create in [us] a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with [us].” Amen.

(From John 15:14; Matt. 21; and Psalm 51:10)

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain (below)

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Verse

1. And can it be that I___ should gain an in - t'rest in the__
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so in - fi -
3. Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit___ lay fast bound in sin and
4. No con - dem - na - tion now___ I___ dread; Je - sus, and all in__

Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me,___ who caused his pain? For
 nite his grace! Emp - tied him - self___ of all but love, and
 na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused___ a quick - 'ning ray; I
 him, is mine! A - live in him,___ my li - ving Head, and

me,___ who him___ to death pur - sued? A - ma - zing love! How__
 bled___ for A - dam's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im -
 woke,___ the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my__
 clothed___ in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e -

can___ it___ be___ that thou,___ my God,___ shouldst die___ for me?
 mense___ and___ free;___ for, O___ my God,___ it found___ out me.
 heart___ was___ free;___ I rose,___ went forth,___ and fol - lowed thee.
 ter - nal___ throne,___ and claim___ the crown,___ through Christ,___ my own.

Chorus

A - ma - zing love!___ How can it be___ that
 (A - ma - zing love!) (How can it be)

thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 (that thou, my God,)

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

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

Sermon: "What About Those Weeds?"

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**

Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide (below)

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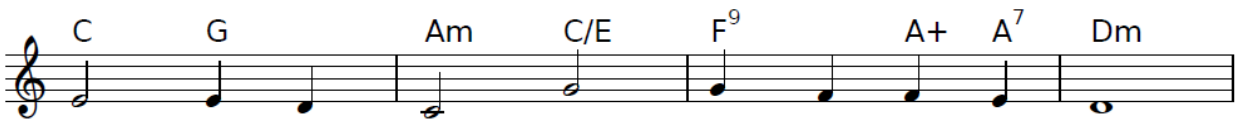
“Abide in me, and I in you.” — John 15:4



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pre - sence ev - 'ry pas - sing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clo - sing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the temp - ter's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:



when o - ther hel - pers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's mor - ning breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee:



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chan - gest not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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*