

Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

September 13, 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

"Above all, we must prize the blessing of corporate worship. The church of the Lord, gathered for worship, marks the pinnacle of our fellowship with the Lord and with one another. The church is the people of God, the new humanity, the beginning of the new creation, a colony of heaven."

– Ed Clowney

"Unconcern for well-being of the body is symptomatic of self-concern and egocentricity. Selfishness and divisiveness go hand in hand; for self-love breeds the spirit of isolationism. He who does not love his fellow Christians fervently from the heart (1 Peter 1:22) feels no compelling need to associate with them. Indeed, the genuineness of the Christian profession of a man in this state must be seriously suspect, for those who are one in Christ cannot help loving one another. The logic of the love of brethren derives from God, who is love, and whose love has been freely manifested in the sending of his Son to be the propitiation for our sins: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

- Philip Hughes

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: You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

People: **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**
- Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (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)

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
See the Destined Day Arise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:11

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B \flat (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B \flat (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B \flat (G) F(D) C 7 (A 7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Bm A G D F#m

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

F#m Bm A G D F#m

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.

F#m A Bm G A

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,

A Bm G D A

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

A D^{sus4} D Bm G A

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

A Bm D^{sus4} D G A D F#^{sus4} F#

Halle - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus 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, thank You for providing us the new and living way into Your presence through the work of Your Son Jesus Christ. In grace, You sent Him to live the life that we could not live, and take the punishment that we deserved. Yet, we confess our lack of faith and our wavering hope. We have forgotten that You are the LORD, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness. As a result, in our discouragement, frustration, and self-absorption, we have avoided worship and have not been loving and encouraging. Be merciful to us and pour out your grace that we may be a people of faith, hoping in the gospel, and faithful in worship. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting (below)

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V/V/C/V/C/C

Verse

G/B A/C# D^{sus2} G/B A/C# D/F#

1. Je-sus, I am res - ting, res - ting in the joy of what Thou art._
2. Oh, how great Thy lov - ing-kind-ness, vaster, broad-er than the sea._
3. Sim-ply trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be-hold Thee as Thou art._

G/B A^{sus2}/C# D^{sus2} G^{maj7} A D

I am find-ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart._
 Oh, how mar-vel-ous Thy good - ness lav-ished all on me._
 And Thy love so pure, so change-less sat - is - fies my heart,_

G^{maj7} A^{sus2}/C# D^{sus2}/F# Bm A G^{maj7}

Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, as Thy beau - ty fills my soul_
 Yes, I rest in Thee Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,_
 sat - is - fies its deep-est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,_

G/B A/C# D/F# G^{maj7} A D

for by Thy trans-form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
 know Thy cer - tain-ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com-pass-eth me 'round in bless-ings, Thine is love in - deed.

Chorus

G^{maj7} A/C# D/F# Bm F#m/A G

Je-sus, I am res-ting, res - ting in the joy of what Thou art._

G^{sus2}/B A^{sus2}/C# D^{sus2}/F# G^{maj7} A D

I am find-ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25

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

Sermon: “Worship During Covid”

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: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/CA64B97A627940A>. It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.

Offertory – Grace

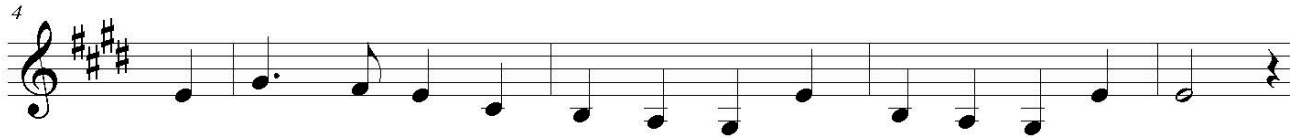
***We Sing**

Lift High the Name of Jesus (below)

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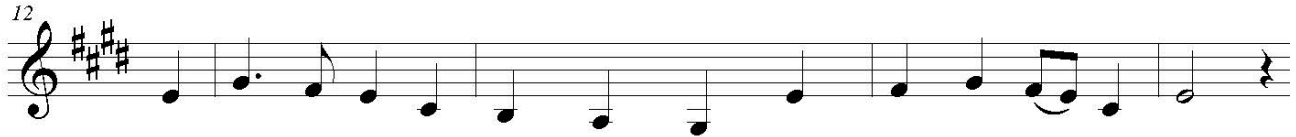
1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King.
2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord.
3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light.



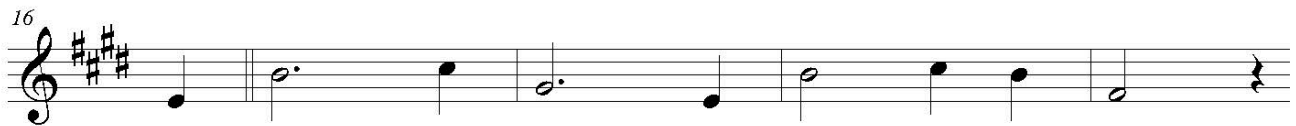
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Make known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace.
His pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world.
No oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.



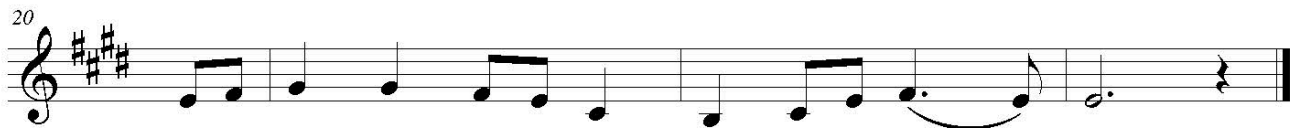
8
Re - mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him.
To share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
He o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown.



12
He lift - ed us to sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin.
that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
We la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



16
Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done



20
'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.

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*