



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Easter

14 May 2023

He has instituted a double exchange between the sinner and the Savior: our sins laid to His account, and He bearing the whole burden of them; His righteousness laid to our account, and we being admitted to the full reward of it. O, let me flee to this place of safety, and take my abode under the ample canopy of His mediatorship—for how shall I escape if I neglect so great a salvation? —Thomas Chalmers

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—from 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God.

Sung Response—Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Vs. 1

Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye — heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, — al - - - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fourth system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

Call to Worship—based on Ezekiel 36:23, 25-26

Pastor: “The nations will know that I am the Lord,” declares the Lord God, “when through you I vindicate My holiness before the eyes of the nations.”

All: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,” says the Lord.

Reader 1: “And from all your idols, I will cleanse you,” says the Lord.

Reader 2: “I will give you a new heart and a new spirit... I will remove your heart of stone... and give you a heart of flesh.”

All: “And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes,” says the Lord.

Pastor: “You shall be My people and I will be your God.”

Congregational Hymn—My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness:
When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace;
His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

On Christ the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,

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GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might (Psalm 144)



Blest be the Lord, my rock, my might, who trains my fin - gers for the fight
Lord, bow Your heav'ns, in might de - scend, come touch the hills the moun - tains rend
O You to whom in trust I flee, stretch forth your hand and res - cue me
Now I will sing a glad new song, Your praise, O God, I will pro - long



My shield, my righ - teous - ness, — My shield, my righ - teous - ness. —
And they shall smoke and flame, — And they shall smoke and flame. —
From all the for - eign throng, From all the for - eign throng. —
For You have heard my prayer, For You have heard my prayer. —



My strong high tow'r, my Sa - vior true, who keeps my en - e - mies sub - dued
As ar - rows send Your light - ning out, to put Your en - e - mies to rout
Their mouths are false for lies they speak, their hands of strength a - gainst the weak,
You give the vic - to - ry to kings, Your own You keep with shel - t'ring wings



My shel - ter in dis - tress, — My shel - ter in dis - tress.
And fill Your foes with shame, — And fill Your foes with shame.
Are filled with craft and wrong, — Are filled with craft and wrong.
From cru - el sword and snare, — From cru - el sword and snare.

Text: Psalm 144:1-2, 5-10, *The Psalter*, 1912, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2016;
Music: POLK COUNTY, Henry C. Haffner, 2016.

Baptism of Hope Crampton, daughter of James and Audrey Crampton

Baptism of Jason Parolini, son of Evan and Ariel Parolini

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 5:17-21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace



Foun - tain of nev - er ceas - ing grace, Thy saints' ex - haust - less theme,
Whom Heaven's an - ge - lic host a - dores, was slaugh - tered for our sin;
In Him we have a right - eous - ness, by God Him - self ap - proved;
Our souls His watch - ful love re - trieves, nor lets them go a - stray,



Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, es - sen - tial - ly su - preme;
The guilt, O Lord was whol - ly ours, the pun - ish - ment was Thine:
Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, which nev - er can be moved.
His right - eous - ness to us He gives, and takes our sins a - way:



We bless Thee for the glor - ious fruits Thine in - car - na - tion gives;
Our God in flesh, to set us free, was man - i - fest - ed here;
Our ran - som by His death He paid, for all His peo - ple giv'n,
We claim sal - va - tion in His right, a - dop - ted and for - giv'n,



The right - eous - ness which grace im - putes, and faith a - lone re - ceives.
And meek - ly bare our sins, that we His right - eous - ness might wear.
The law He per - fect - ly o - beyed, that they might en - ter Heav'n.
His mer - it is our robe of light, His death the gate of Heav'n.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song,
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Reading of the Word—1 John 2:28-3:10

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

^{3:1} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies Himself as He is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Once In Royal David's City, Vs. 3



And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own re-deem-ing love,



For that Child so dear and gen-tle is our Lord in Heav'n a - - bove;



And He leads His child-ren on to the place where He is gone.

Text: C.F. Alexander, 1848; Music: IRBY, H.J. Gauntlett, 1849.

Sermon—*The Double Transaction*

—Pastor, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—from Psalm 51:3-13

- Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For we know only too well our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
- All: **Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**
- Pastor: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach wisdom in the secret of our hearts.
- All: **Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from our sin and blot out all our iniquities.**
- Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
- All: **Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit**
- Pastor: Then we will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 15:8-9; John 3:16-17

Christ became a servant to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise You among all the nations and sing to Your Holy name."

- Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.
- All: **For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**
- Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.
- All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me, Vs.1

Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee;

Let the wa - ter and the blood, from Thy wound - ed side which flowed,

Be of sin the doub - le cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1776; Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est.
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Choral Anthem—*For The Beauty Of The Earth*

—Parish Children's Choir (third service)
Mirandi Herrenbruck, director

*For the beauty of the Earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.*

Refrain:

Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on Earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.*

*For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of Earth and buds of Heaven.*

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. William H. Monk, 1861.

Congregational Psalm—*Blest Is The Man (Psalm 32)*



Blest is the man, for - ev - er blest, whose guilt is par-doned by his God;
Blest is the man to whom the Lord im - putes not his in - i - qui - ties;
From guile his heart and lips are free; his hum-ble joy, his ho-ly fear,
How glor-ious is that right-eous-ness that hides and can - cels all his sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con-fessed, and cov-ered with his Sav-ior's blood.
He pleads no mer - it of re - ward, and not on works, but grace re - lies.
With deep re - pen-tance well a - gree, and join to prove his faith sin - cere.
While a bright ev - i - dence of grace through his whole life ap-pears and shines!

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Music: DISTRESS, William Walker, 1854, arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2008.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Congregational Hymn—It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend-eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil-lowsroll;
Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

What - ev - er my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.
That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
The trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, ev - en so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul;

Text: Horatio G Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Phillip P. Bliss, 1876.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise Him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

The central theme of this morning's service is the doctrine of "double imputation." In salvation, our sin is imputed (attributed) to Jesus while His righteousness is imputed to us—in the language of the old hymn, He both "saves from wrath" and "makes me pure" (*Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me*). Throughout the service, we'll declare that He is our shield and righteousness (*Blest Be The Lord, My Rock, My Might—Psalm 144*), that He gives us righteousness and takes away sin (*Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace*), and that we will one day stand before the throne of God "dressed in His righteousness alone" (*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*). We will hear from the Scriptures that "Christ reconciled us to Himself" and that God "made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5). In gratitude, we respond by singing, "How glorious is that righteousness which hides and cancels all [our] sins" (*Blest Is The Man—Psalm 32*). We can praise the Lord with "blest assurance" in the midst of trials or triumphs (*It Is Well With My Soul*) because our sin has been nailed to the cross with Christ.

—Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the Devil. (1 John 3:8)



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