

Christ Presbyterian Church

January 31, 2021

Opening Song

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice
new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Father, we confess that we forget who you are and who we are. With a word, you created the heavens and the earth. You created us and everyone around us. You are the one who judges all people in righteousness and truth. We confess that we forget who you are, and then we fear and worship people instead of you. We thank you for Jesus, who obeyed only you and feared only you. He spoke only your truth, and on the cross offered up his life in obedience to you, without regard for what the world would think. Forgive us, Lord, and wean us from our addiction to the praise of human beings. Transform our hearts by your amazing love, we pray in the name of Jesus.

*Words of Assurance

Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

When to Our World the Savior Came

When to our world the Savior came, the sick and helpless heard his name,
and in their weakness longed to see the healing Christ of Galilee.

That good physician! Night and day the people thronged about his way;
and wonder ran from soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"

His praises then were heard and sung by opened ears and loosened tongue,
while lightened eyes could see and know the healing Christ of long ago.

Of long ago: yet living still, who died for us on Calvary's hill;
who triumphed over cross and grave, his healing hands stretched forth to save.

His sovereign purpose still remains who rose in power, and lives and reigns;
till every tongue confess his praise, the healing Christ of all our days.

Sermon

“When Jesus Comes to Church”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Closing Song

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to his.
O how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior he will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed.
*To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead.
O the night has been won and I shall overcome,
yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

*To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
O the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

Benediction