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*a liturgy for corporate worship*

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2020

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***Prelude & Reflection***

*If we are, as a church, to stand fast in the face of the world, then we must attend first and foremost to our personal sanctification, the state of our own heart and thoughts. We must model our relationships on Christ, surround our circumstances by prayer, drill our minds in godly thinking, and subject our life to the Word of God. Do this, ‘and the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and yours minds in Christ Jesus ... and the God of peace will be with you.’ If we ignore the laws we must be prepared to forgo the blessings.*

*~ Alec Motyer, from his  
commentary on Philippians*

*Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care.*

*Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.*

*Think what Spirit dwells within thee. Think what Father's smile is thine.*

*Think that Jesus died to win thee. Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer.*

*Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.*

*Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days.*

*Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise!*

*~ Henry Lyte, from his hymn  
"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"*

# HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*worship, nurture & service*

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*Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

*from 1 Peter 2.9-10*

Beloved, in Christ Jesus, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

Let us therefore worship the Lord together.

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**My Heart is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light;  
And wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

*(song continues on the next page ...)*

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose every thought is love;  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life my all to love and follow him.

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2003*

### ***Confessing Our Faith***

*New City Catechism, question 34  
& 1 Peter 2.11-17*

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

**Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.**

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Father, have mercy upon us and help us so to live.**

*Silent prayer*

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to

punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**Father, have mercy upon us and help us so to live.**

*Silent prayer*

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**Father, have mercy upon us and help us so to live.**

*Silent prayer*

### His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

*Praise the Lord: His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
What Father so tender is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

*Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016*

*Song of Preparation*

**Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail –  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

**Philippians 4.1 & 8-9**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. ...

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## ***The Covenant Meal***

*There are four tables around the sanctuary that are supplied with individual, pre-packaged communion elements. To reduce the amount of movement and allow plenty of space between people, please send one person to get the elements for those partaking of communion in your household. Please hold the elements until all have received and then we will partake together.*

*To help with a more sanitary clean-up, please take used communion cups and place them in the trash cans by the exit doors as you leave.*

## ***Parting Hymn***

### **May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day  
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father rule my life in everything  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win  
And may they forget the channel seeing only him.

*Words: Kate Wilkinson, 1925  
Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925*



***Benediction***

Numbers 6.24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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***As you depart the sanctuary:***

- *please wear your mask and be mindful of social-distancing*
- *please take your used communion supplies and dispose of them in the trashcans next to the exit doors*
- *remember to put your Offering in the Box at the rear of the sanctuary*
- *please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside*
- *remember that the door by the piano is reserved for those wishing to avoid the higher traffic areas of the Foyer & Fellowship Hall*

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## Announcements

### Small Groups

As a church family we need to be in relationships with other Christians; being part of a Small Group is key to that. If you are interested in participating in a Small Group this Fall please contact Grant ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)).

### Ladies Bible Studies

Harvest women's small group bible studies are forming for the fall, and registration is open! We have three groups (Psalms, Hebrews and Romans!) with limited slots available in each group. Contact Lindsey Olson for details ([locamentefeliz@gmail.com](mailto:locamentefeliz@gmail.com) or 540.840.7985) or visit the following website to sign up – [harvestwomen.groupvitals.com/groupFinder/](http://harvestwomen.groupvitals.com/groupFinder/)

### Harvest Online –

- ~ Email Distro List – *if you're interested in receiving email announcements and reminders, please send Grant an email and ask to be added to the official Harvest distro list ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)).*
- ~ Any need or prayer request that you would like to make known to the church leadership can be done through the email address [elders@harvestpres.com](mailto:elders@harvestpres.com). That is a confidential email that only the elders see. We would welcome you to make use of it.
- ~ **Facebook** & **Instagram** @harvestpresjax
- ~ **YouTube** – search “Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC”

### Offerings

We are not currently taking up an Offering during the service. However, if you have brought offering, there is a box at the back of the sanctuary in which you can place your check or cash. As well, online giving is a reliable option. You can find your way to our online giving page either through the Resources tab on our website or directly here. You can also snail mail any contributions to:

*Harvest Presbyterian Church | PO Box 12243 | Jacksonville NC 28546*

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## **Purpose Statement**

*Harvest Presbyterian Church exists by the providence and grace of God  
to develop and equip God's people for their calling  
to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through  
worship, nurture & service.*

## **Our Supported Ministries & Missions**

**Onslow Pregnancy Resource Center** – *oprcfriends.com*, 910.938.7000

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*RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (our denominational campus ministry)*

*MTW – Mission To the World (our denominational missions arm)*

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