
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 4, 2020

Prelude & Reflection

What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

~ New City Catechism, questions 38 & 40

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

~ Isaiah 40.1-2 & 5

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worship, nurture & service

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Welcome & Announcements

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Preparing for Worship

*With a few moments of silent prayer let us prepare our minds
and hearts for the worship of Almighty God.*

Call to Worship

I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness
you have afflicted me.

Let your steadfast love comfort us according to your promise.

When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

Your statutes have been our songs in the house of our sojourning.

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

**Let your mercy come to us, that we may live; for your law is our
delight.**

~ from Psalm 119

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

no. 498

Jesus! what a friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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!

*Praise the Lord: His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
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!

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

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa, 2016

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 1.2-7

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Pastoral Prayer

Eric Winship, elder

The Offering

(10 o'clock)

The Preaching of God's Word
"comfort"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH
Rev. Grant Beachy

Isaiah 40
(p599 in the pew Bible)



Response

Pass Me Not

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry.
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at the throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit; save me by thy grace.

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee?

*Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868
Music: W. Howard Doane, 1870*

Assurance of Grace

John 10.14-16 & 27-28

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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

Lead On, O King Eternal, no. 580

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where-e'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Words: Ernest Shurtleff, 1888

Music: Henry Smart, 1836

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2.16-17 & 3.18

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

For when 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*
 - *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

Fellowship Meal – TONIGHT

This evening at 5 o'clock we will re-gather for our 1st Sunday of the Month Fellowship Meal. Please note a few Covid caveats:

- 1) It will be *outside* so you may want to bring your own chairs.
- 2) The *building will be open for restroom use only*, not for hanging out in.
- 3) BYOD – *Bring Your Own Dinner* (and drinks and desserts, etc.). We will not be sharing food or drinks off a common table.

Monthly Fellowship Meals are rich times in our life together and we believe these adjustments will enable us to fellowship together without exposing ourselves and one another to undue risks. Please join us if you are able.

Small Groups

As a church family we need to be in relationships with other Christians; being part of a Small Group can be key to that. Please contact Grant with any questions or if you are interested in participating in a Small Group this Fall (gmbeachy@gmail.com).

Nursery Volunteers

While we continue to not have a nursery, we have instituted a background check policy for all adult nursery workers. In preparation for re-opening the nursery (at some future point), we would like to begin running the background checks now so that when that day comes, we are ready to roll with cleared volunteers. So, if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery once it re-opens, please contact Amelia Hale, nursery coordinator, to get the process started (317.625.3194 or ameliajhale12@gmail.com).

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the 10 o'clock service, there is also a box at the back of the sanctuary in which you can place your offering. A third option is giving online through the [Resources tab](#) on our website.

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 or 540.840.7985) or visit the following website to sign up – 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).
- ~ 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. 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”

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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

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RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (our denominational campus ministry)

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