a liturgy for corporate worship HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 14, 2021

For your reflection as we gather for worship ...

Come, everyone who thirsts. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

~ Isaiah 55.1 & 3

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.

~ Jesus, John 7.37 & 4.14

It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

~ Revelation 21.6 & 22.17

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The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ~ Luke 10.2 ~ a liturgy for corporate worship ~ March 14, 2021 ~

Welcome & Announcements

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Call to Worship

Isaiah 55.1-3 & Psalm 46.1-2

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

God is our refuge and strength.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Listen diligently to me – says the LORD – and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

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Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!

> Words and Music: Martin Luther, 1529 Translated by Frederick Hedge, 1853

He's On Our Side (Psalm 124)

Our help has come in the name of the Lord, The One who formed all the earth and the sky. Behold! He comes to destroy the chains of death And raise us up to life.

O bless his name, for he has given us Everything we need to fly. Our broken wings, they have not hindered us. We have the Lord; he's on our side!

Wendell Kimbrough & Jason Pears, 2017

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend; He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid; He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free, Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends, Helps the fatherless and the widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise; I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days. Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King; Unto him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

> Words: The Psalter, 1912 (based on Psalm 146) Music: Gregorian Chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

Confession of Sin

Let us seek the LORD while he may be found; may we call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let us return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on us, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

(based on Isaiah 55.6-7)

In a few moments of silent prayer, let us each seek the LORD through the confession of our sins ...

Assurance of Grace

You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Preparation for the Word

Isaiah 55.8-11

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Preaching of God's Word

BEHOLD YOUR GOD! *The Gospel in Isaiah* Grant Beachy, pastor

"a grounded confidence; a reasonable hope"

Isaiah 54

(p614 in the pew Bible)



Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake To guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears, Then shall you better know his love, his heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blesséd we shall meet at last.

> Words: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 Trans. by Jane L. Borthwick, 1855 Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899

no. 689

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 in Faith

My Hope is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

> On Christ the solid rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming; When all around my soul gives way, he still is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

> Words: Edward Mote, 1834 Music: William Bradbury, 1863

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Through Jesus, our King and our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Offerings

In addition to passing the plate during the second 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 <u>Resources tab</u> on our website.

Harvest Ladies' Bible Studies

We have several small group bible studies going (both in person and online) and would love to invite ladies who haven't yet gotten plugged in to join! For detailed information and to get connected to a group, contact Lindsey Olson (*locamentefeliz@gmail.com* or 540.840.7985).

Small Groups

Please take advantage of the opportunity to gather together with fellow believers in a smaller setting. A list of groups is available on the table in the foyer (yellow sheet).

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*).

Harvest Online –

- Directory In order to foster relationships among us as a church family, we encourage you to make use of the app 'Instant Church Directory.' Jim Turner is point of contact for the app if you have any questions.
- ~ Facebook & Instagram @harvestpresjax
- ~ YouTube search "Harvest Presbyterian Church Jacksonville NC"
- ~ 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).
- ~ Please feel free to make any need or prayer request known to the church leadership 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.

Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Chris & Aubrey Maldonado Chip & Laura Raybon (Chloe, Gabriel & Samuel) Anthony & Anna Johnson (Sasha, Teagan & Remi)

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Please note our current Covid policies:

- Wear a mask & be mindful of social-distancing. If you don't have a mask, there are disposable masks available on the table in the foyer.
- Masks may be removed when you are seated in your pew.
- The Fellowship Hall may be utilized during the service as overflow.
- The nurseries & classrooms may be used as family / cry rooms. Note, they are not staffed and parents must be with their children.
- After the service, please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside.
- 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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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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