a liturgy for corporate worship

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 21, 2021

For your reflection as we gather for worship ...

The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others."

I have other sheep
that are not of this fold.

I must bring them also,
and they will listen to my voice.

So there will be one flock,
one shepherd.

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

~ Isaiah 56.8, John 10.16 & Romans 2.4



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In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

~ 1 John 4.10-11 ~

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Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

~ Isaiah 56.1

Welcome & Announcements

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Confessing Our Need

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise; On thee when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies. To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer.
O, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

(song continues on the next page ...)

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
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With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

Words: Anne Steele, d. 1778 Music: Kevin Twit, 1998

Call to Worship

from Psalm 59 & Jeremiah 16

I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

- O my strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.
- O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth.
- We will sing of your strength; we will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to us a fortress and a refuge in the day of our distress.

Therefore, beloved, in view of God's mercies, let us worship the LORD together.

Worthy (Behold the Lamb of God)
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, The holy Lamb of God, who makes new life begin.

> Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb.

Mylon LeFevre, 1988

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,

Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

> Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

> Words: Julia Johnston, 1910 Music: Daniel Towner, 1910

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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

* 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'

** 'catholic' here means 'universal'

The 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!

Chaplain Ministries

Rev. Don Sampson

Pastoral Prayer

Mastin Robeson, elder

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word "idolatry exposed; refuge offered"

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

Isaiah 56.1 – 57.13 (p614 in the pew Bible)

The Covenant Meal

The elements of bread and wine are simple and yet by God's power and his Spirit's blessing are both a sign and seal of God's love. For those who are not believing in Jesus, this meal is a sign of the sacrificial love of Jesus for those who acknowledge their need of him. For those who are believing in Jesus, this is not only a sign of these things, it is also a seal to their hearts, that indeed the Gospel is true and that his love for them is real.

Allow one or more of the prayers on the following page to guide your heart's reflection and meditation during our celebration of the Lord's Supper ...

Searching for Truth ...

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be discouraged by the cost of following you, but drawn to you by a sight of your loving sacrifice for me. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Help me to be honest in my search, and give me an understanding of you that fits together and leads to life.

Ready to believe Christ ...

Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I can hope or imagine. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me your complete righteousness. Knowing that you have been raised as Victor over sin, I turn from my sins and receive your grace in my life. Help me to rest in you.

Struggling with sin ...

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the True and Living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race before me, looking only unto you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith, one day, one hour, at a time.

Non-communing members (those not yet prepared to take the Supper)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as a faithful disciple.

Desiring deeper commitment to the Church ...

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. You have called me not to exist alone, but to be a vital member of your Body, the church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and to live in the fullness of fellowship with your Spirit.

Rejoicing in God's provision ...

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am overwhelmed and delighted by your mercies to me: a sure and certain salvation in Jesus, restored relationship with the God of heaven and earth, daily supplies of compassion, kindness, grace and strength – thank you. Further enable me to live in light of your glory and goodness.

Parting in Faith

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence; My soul is still before the Lord He is my rock and my salvation, My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken, For all my hope is in His love. From God alone comes my salvation; I wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches; Seek not your rest in empty wealth. The rich are weak; the poor are mighty, Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge And trust in Him to hear you cry. No other hope will never fail you; No other love will not run dry.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

Benediction Numbers 6.24-26

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

Service of Tenebrae

Friday, April 2, we will observe the death of our Savior with a special service of *Tenebrae*. This Latin word means 'darkness' or 'shadows'. Similar to the Christmas Eve Service of *Lessons & Carols* in format, *Tenebrae* however, is an intentionally somber service in which we reflect upon Jesus' death through a series of Scripture readings. Beginning at 6pm, the service will be both in-person and live-streamed.

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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RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (our denominational campus ministry)
MTW – Mission To the World (our denominational missions arm)

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