
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 2, 2021

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

~ Isaiah 42.1 & 3

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of
woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

~ Galatians 4.4-5

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

~ Luke 19.10



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a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
worship, nurture & service

*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 ~

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Welcome & Announcements

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New Testament Reading

Luke 4.16-21

And Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Confessing Our Need

Father in heaven, as we gather together in Jesus’ name, we confess that we are the poor; proclaim to us good news. We are the captives; proclaim to us liberty. We are the blind; recover our sight to us. We are the oppressed; set us at liberty. We are in need; proclaim to us your favor.

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess.
Bowing here I find my rest.
And without you I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord, I need you. Oh I need you.
Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you.*

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where you are.
And where you are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

*So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.*

Matt Maher, 2013

Assurance of Grace

Zephaniah 3.14-19

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against us; he has cleared away our enemies.

Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see." It's what the Lord has done in me.

*Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Lamb that was slain!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus died and rose again!*

Into the river I will wade. There my sins are washed away.
From the heavens mercy streams of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs. Jesus Christ has set me free!

Reuben Morgan, 1998

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

O, how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.*

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings; meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee,
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace.

Words: Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876

Music: David Hampton, 1998

Christian, how are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

(The Heidelberg Catechism was comprised in 1563 as an aid for Christians to learn the truths of the faith in a devotional way. It still helps to instruct 21st century Christians and connect us to believers in other times and places.)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

(2 Corinthians 8.9)

The Preaching of God's Word
"the great reversal"

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

Isaiah 61-62
(*pew Bible, p620*)

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 following prayers 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

Eternal Weight of Glory

Now the days and hours and moments of our suff'ring seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus; and we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory! Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured, like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory, and our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry: At the trumpet sound we'll wake,
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!" When we meet our King of Grace,
Every year we thought was wasted, every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's vict'ry song.*

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face.
And we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

*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.*

Please note our current Covid policies:

Let love be genuine.
(Romans 12.9)

9:00 service:

- Please 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.
- Nurseries are not staffed.
- After the service, please do not congregate in the Foyer, but move beyond the fireplace into the Fellowship Hall or directly outside.

10:45 Service:

- No masking or social distancing requirements. Certainly feel free to wear a mask if you desire and be aware of the interests of others.
- The nursery is open and staffed.

Announcements

1st Sunday Family Dinner – TONIGHT

We'll begin at 5pm with a devotional, prayer and singing, then enjoy fellowship together over food. Please bring food for yourself and your family. Family Dinners are a great way to connect with other believers, develop relationships and end the day with relaxed, unhurried fellowship. We look forward to being with you.

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 Resources tab on our website.

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).

Staying Connected

- ~ *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.
- ~ *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.

Harvest Online –

- ~ Facebook & Instagram @[harvestpresjax](https://www.instagram.com/harvestpresjax)
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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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