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*a liturgy for corporate worship*

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 2021

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*Though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of Time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor's stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.*

*~ Aslan, in C.S. Lewis'  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*~ Revelation 21.1-4*

*According to his promise we are waiting  
for new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.*

*~ 2 Peter 3.13*

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

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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 ~

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MAY 23, 2021  
*a day of rest*

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*Welcome & Announcements*

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*Call to Worship*

*from Psalm 92*

**It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.  
For you, O LORD, have made us glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

*Songs of Praise*

**The God of Abraham Praise**

*no. 34*

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn; I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold his face; I shall his pow'r adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

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

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,  
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

*Words: Thomas Olivers, 1770*

*Music: Jewish Melody, arr. by Meyer Lyon, 1770*

### 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!*

### *Confessing the Faith*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**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'

*Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

*Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

*Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Tom Phillips, elder

**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)*

## *Song of Preparation*

### **Christ Is Mine Forever**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with him.

Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.

But mine is hope in my Redeemer. Though I fall, his love is sure.

For Christ has paid for every failing – I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.

Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.

But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.

I know my pain will not be wasted – Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.

But mine is armour for this battle strong enough to last the war.

And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

*Come rejoice now, O my soul – for his love is my reward!*

*Fear is gone and hope is sure – Christ is mine forevermore!*

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.

For there my heart has found its treasure – Christ is mine forevermore!

*CityAlight, 2015 (Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson)*

*The Preaching of God's Word*  
*"the coming glory"*

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

**Isaiah 65**  
(p623 *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 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***

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion.*

*We will sing with our hearts restored.*

*“He has done great things,” we will say together.*

*We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the LORD our God.

We are not consumed, by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom.

*Sandra McCracken & Josh Moore, 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.*

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***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.
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## **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 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
- ~ 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**

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

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

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