
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
June 6, 2021

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.*

A voice cries:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
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 40.1-5

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

~ 2 Corinthians 4.4-6

HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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JUNE 6, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

see pages 10 & 11

Call to Worship

from 2 Corinthians 1.3-5

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.

May we who know the comfort of God in the person of Jesus Christ praise his name together.

Songs of Praise

O God Beyond All Praising

no. 660

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

(song continues on the next page ...)

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Words: Michael Perry, 1982
Music: Gustav Holst, The Planets, 1918

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

no. 706

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian's trust.

Words: Christian F. Gellert, 1757
Trans. by J.D. Lang, 1826
Music: Johann Crüger, 1653

Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Beloved, we who believe in the name of the Son of God
have beheld the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
This is all of grace. Let us sing of that grace together.*

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace!

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, will be for ever mine.

Words: John Newton, 1779

Music: Traditional American Melody

The Prayers of God's People

Eric Winship, 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)

Isaiah 40.6-11

- 6 A voice says, "Cry!"
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"
 All flesh is grass,
 and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades
 when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
 surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
 but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 9 Go on up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good news;
 lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
 lift it up, fear not;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 "Behold your God!"
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 behold, his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms;
 he will carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead those that are with young.

sermon notes ... _____



Song of Response

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
“Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Lord, now indeed I find your pow’r and yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I, whereby your grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

*Words: Elvina Hall, 1865
Music: John T. Grape, 1868*

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.

Parting in Faith

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest?

Words: Samuel Stennett, d. 1795

Music: Christopher Miner, 1997

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

1st Sunday Family Dinner – TONIGHT

We'll begin at 5pm with a devotional, prayer and singing, then enjoy fellowship together over food. This will be potluck style family dinner, so please bring food to share with the 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.

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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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