
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
June 20, 2021

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

~ Isaiah 11.1-5



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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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June 20, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Our Father, in heaven, as we have gathered together in Jesus' name to worship you, so be present with us by your Spirit according to your promise. Enable us to hear from you, respond to you and be shaped for service to you and those around us. Minister to us by your truth, inspire us with your glory, empower us by your grace. All for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Call to Worship

from John 4, Romans 8 & Hebrews 7

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

And the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

And Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Therefore, beloved, let us worship God together.

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams, 1745

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Confession of 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'

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like man untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might;
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright!

Man may trouble and distress me; 'twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life, with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while thy love is left to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure. Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In thy service pain is pleasure, with thy favor loss is gain.
I have called thee 'Abba Father,' I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee. Think what Father's smile is thine.
Think that Jesus died to win thee. Child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise!

*Words: Henry Lyte, d. 1847
Music: Bill Moore, 2001*

The LORD saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.
He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.
According to their deeds, so will he repay,
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render repayment.
So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west,
and his glory from the rising of the sun;
for he will come like a rushing stream,
which the wind of the LORD drives.

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

“And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children’s offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

Ephesians 6.10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

O Church Arise

O church arise and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor.
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side we know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which he died – an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken.
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2005

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.*

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.

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- ~ Facebook & Instagram @*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.*

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