
a liturgy for corporate worship
HARVEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 4, 2021

The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, "I will be with you and will bless you and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

~ Genesis 26.2-4

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

~ Galatians 3.13-16

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

~ The Apostle Paul to Philemon
(Philemon 4-7)

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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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July 4, 2021
a day of rest

Welcome & Announcements

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Invocation

Matthew 6.9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 72

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

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Blessed be his glorious name; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

Joy to the World!

no. 195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (based on Psalm 98)

Music: George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

Arise O God And Shine

Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws.

(song continues on the next page ...)

Put forth thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to thee.
God, our own God, his Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Words: William Hurn, 1813
Music: Chris Miner, 2004*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.8-11

I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Pastoral Prayer

Ken Counts,
director of men's discipleship

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

Eric Winship, elder

1 Timothy 2.1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

sermon notes ...



Hymn of Petition

O God to Us Show Mercy

no. 437

O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;
Cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;
That so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
And unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
For you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
And through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,
For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
And all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

Words: The Psalter, 1912 (Ps. 67)

Music: William Lloyd, 1840

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

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)

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 a potluck style meal, so please bring a dish to share. 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.*

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