



THREE RIVERS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Preparation for Worship

"God is God, and since he is God, he is worthy of my worship and my service. I will find rest nowhere else but in his will, and that will is necessarily infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to." - Elisabeth Elliot

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Call to Worship | Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

People: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

“I Believe”

Words and Music: Chris Davenport | Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham (2019)

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ
I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

*All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe*

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion *Refrain.*

No I'll never be ashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away
From the One who saved my life (x2)

All praise to God our Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe (x2)

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Confession of Faith | WSC Q. 23

Question: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Answer: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Confession of Sin | Ephesians 4:17-19

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 6:17-18, 23

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace”

Words and Music: Ben Slee (2021)

“Death was Arrested”

Words and Music: Adam Kersh | Brandon Coker | Heath Balltzglier | Paul Taylor Smith (2015)

Come boldly to a throne of grace
Ye wretched sinners, come;
And lay your load at Jesus’ feet
And plead what he has done. (x2)

“How can I come” some soul may say
“I’m lame, and cannot walk
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth;
I sigh, but dare not talk.”

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
Though lost and blind and lame;
For Jesus is the sinner’s Friend,
And ever was the same

He makes the dead to hear his voice;
He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost he came to save,
And set the prisoner free

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me
You have made me new now, life begins with You
It's Your endless love, pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (x2)

When death was arrested and my life began
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Tithes and Offerings

There are four ways to give:

- *In the basket during the service*
- *By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345*
- *Online at www.3riverspca.com*
- *Through the [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) app*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon | “Creation out of Chaos” – Rev. Spencer Murphy

Mark 5:1-20

¹ They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” ⁸ For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” ⁹ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸ As he was

getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Sermon in a sentence: By casting out Legion, Jesus teaches us that he alone has the power to rescue and restore broken humanity.

1. Jesus confronts the unclean (v. 1-5)
2. Jesus cleanses the unclean (v. 6-13)
3. Jesus calls for a response (v. 14-20)

Notes

Communion

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

We practice open communion, which means that all believing, baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and the cup. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us back to our seats, and then partake all together.

If you are not a believer, we are so glad you're here! But we do ask that you not partake of the elements, since scripture

warns against taking them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated, or come forward with your arms crossed and we will pray for you.

"The Power of the Cross"

Words and Music: Keith Getty | Stuart Townend (2005)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
"Finished," the vict'ry cry

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven
We stand forgiven
We stand forgiven
We stand forgiven
We stand forgiven at...*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
For, through Your suff'ring, I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

"As the Deer"

Words and Music: Martin Nystrom (1984)

"God is For Us"

Words and Music: Michael Farren | James Ferguson | Tiarne Tranter | Jesse Reeves | Jonny Robinson | James Tealy (2018)

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee*

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee *Refrain.*

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge only You can save

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love (x2)

*Sing with joy now; our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us? (x2)*

Sending

Now let us go forth as sons and daughters of the King
of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Thanks be to God!

We sing the Doxology together:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Benediction | 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.