

JONESBOROUGH (TN) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)

October 25, 2020

Worship Leader: Rev. Allen Huff

Pianist: Jeri Paolini

Special Music:

Rick Gibson, Jill Sauceman, Ruth Verhegge, Karen Welch

Song Leaders: Marianne Huff and Bill Reese

Camera Operators: Bill Reese and Chris Rouse

Drive-In Worship Greeters (107.3FM): Pauline Douglas and Marat Moore

Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymn #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made God's gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises
That earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Confession

O God, we know this, your Greatest Commandment: love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind; love your neighbor as yourself.

These words dwell in our hearts and rest on our lips.

And, yet, we are slow to act upon them.

When we encounter neighbors in need, we are quick to pass judgment, even though love demands empathy.

We see your children suffering, but are too busy, too weary to respond, even though love demands compassion.

We see unjust systems that strip others of dignity but believe we are powerless to effect change, even though love demands action.

And whenever we do not treat our neighbors as we ourselves would hope to be treated, we do not love you fully. Forgive us, Lord.

Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, so that we might be faithful to your commandments.

Time for Silent Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to judge?

Only Christ, and Christ lives and dies for us.

Christ rises for us, and reigns in gracious power over us.

Christ prays for us.

All who are in Christ are new creations.

Our old life has gone, and our new life has begun!

A Time with the Children

Anthem "O Happy Day"

*Rick Gibson (soloist), Jill Sauceman, Ruth Verhegge, Karen Welch
Accompanist: Cherry Smith*

Prayers of the People

The prayers will end with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

***Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Scripture Reading
Psalm 65

- ¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
- ²O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
- ³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
- ⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
- ⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- ⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
- ⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
- ⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
- ⁹You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
- ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
- ¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
- ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. (NRSV)

Sermon: "Gateways of Grace"

Hymn #430 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Benediction

Postlude

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”