

The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga is to be a city-center church compelled by Christ's love to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.

Worship Service | AUGUST 9, 2020

Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship *"Be Still, My Soul" arr. Benjamin Harlan*

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

All: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Hymns of Praise

"Come, Thou Almighty King" "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Pastor: Why is He called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

All: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

Pastor: Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

All: Because—not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood—He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Sermon

"God Don't Make No Junk" Psalm 139 Dr. Tom Pipkin

Hymn of Response

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21 Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. **People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Verse 1

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Verse 2

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword; scatter Thy foes. Let Thine almighty aid our sure defense be made, our souls on Thee be stayed; Thy wonders show.

Verse 3

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

Verse 4

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Verse 1: Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King, He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ Who condescended; took on flesh to ransom us.

Verse 2: Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suff'ring never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law—in Him we stand.

Verse 3: Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree.

In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold, Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured love untold.

Verse 4: Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life.

But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord! He is alive! What a foretaste of deliv'rance! How unwavering our hope! Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1: 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.

Chorus

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.

Verse 2: I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling. Covenant promises fell not to me. Then without warning, desire, or deserving; I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee. *Chorus*

Verse 3: I have no merit to woo or delight Thee. I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ. Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing Thou find'st me. This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy. *Chorus*

Verse 4: 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. *Chorus*