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*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 | May 9, 2021
9:00 AM

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-5

Reader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

People: Praise befits the upright.

Reader: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

People: make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Reader: Sing to Him a new song;

People: play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Reader: For the word of the LORD is upright,

People: and all His work is done in faithfulness.

Reader: He loves righteousness and justice;

People: the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

***“How Firm a Foundation”
“His Mercy Is More”***

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 28

Reader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**All: We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God
and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Thank You for loving me with an everlasting love.
On account of my sin,
Your love took You all the way to the cross,
away from Your Father.
For this, Lord, I should love You above all else,
but my affections reveal a well full of sinfulness within me
which I have kept closest to my heart,
so that I have not loved You with my whole heart,
nor have I desired to.
I have loved instead the things of this world.
O Lord, forgive me.
Renew my mind that I may know You.
Soften my heart that I may love You.
Mortify my flesh that I may desire only You.
Grant me more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule me,
may I walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.**

HYMNS OF ASSURANCE

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

**Parents, please walk your children PreK - 1st grade to Children's Church and pick them up immediately following the worship service.*

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"The Greatest Love Song Ever"
Zephaniah 3:17
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace, both now and forevermore.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Mazie Cory and Mrs. Julia A. Clark by Bruce and Leslie Cory.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, May 10th.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Verse 3

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

How Firm a Foundation

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

Verse 3

When through the deep waters
I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

Verse 4

When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all- knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me