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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 | April 18, 2021
9:00 AM

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosea 6:1-3

Reader: Come, let us return to the LORD;

People: for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.

Pastor: After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.

People: Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“His Mercy Is More”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

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 Church as Cause”
2 Cor. 2:5-8, 11, 14-16
Dr. Tim Kirk*

TASTING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[silence]

All: Merciful Lord,

We confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

We are spiritually poor, but You are rich. Therefore, Christ came to be merciful to the poor and to show us the immeasurable riches of Your grace.

Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF PRAISE

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

People: Alleluia.

Pastor: “These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take these in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you. Feed on them in your heart by faith, and drink remembering that Christ’s blood was shed for you.”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Ob, How Good It Is”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Harry Croft Bickel, by Caroline Bickel and their children, Caroline McLoughlin, Harry Bickel Jr., Florence Doud, and Laura Peoples.

Flowers from today’s display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 19th.++

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Chorus

Praise the Lord! (Let the earth hear His voice)
Praise the Lord! (Let the people rejoice)
Come to Him (Come to Him) through His Son
And give Him the praise for the things He has done

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do
If with His love He befriend thee

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from His people again
Gladly fore'er we adore Him

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

Oh, How Good It Is

Verse 1

**Oh, how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us**

Chorus

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

Verse 2

**Oh, how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging**

Verse 3

**Oh, how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit**



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