

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11th, 2020

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-4

- [1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- [2] The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- [3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- [4] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Congregational Singing: "Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)"

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| 1. My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me
O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God | The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven
O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God |
| 2. Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them | 3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With ev'ry day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever
O praise Him hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting never failing
My Redeemer my God (2x) |

Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

Collect

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgement but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregational Singing: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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| 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 | 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 |
| 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 | 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 |

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Congregational Singing: "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

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| 1. Since our great high priest Christ Jesus
Bears the name above all names
Reigning Son of God surpassing
Other titles powers and claims
Since to heaven our Lord has passed
Let us hold our witness fast | Since He shared our lowly place
Let us boldly seek His grace |
| 2. Since we have a priest who suffered
Knowing weakness tears and pain
Who like us was tried and tempted
Unlike us without a stain | 3. Sacrifice and suffering over
Now He sits at God's right hand
Crowned with praise no more an outcast
His preminence long planned
Such a great high priest we have
Strong to help supreme to save |

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 87

A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. A Song.

- [1] On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
[2] the LORD loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
[3] Glorious things of you are spoken,
O city of God. *Selah*
- [4] Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—
"This one was born there," they say.
[5] And of Zion it shall be said,
"This one and that one were born in her";
for the Most High himself will establish her.
[6] The LORD records as he registers the peoples,
"This one was born there." *Selah*
- [7] Singers and dancers alike say,
"All my springs are in you."

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

[14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

[16] Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14] And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17] And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." [20] Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Profession of Faith: Ephesians 1:3-10

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
That we should be holy and blameless before him.
In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,
According to the purpose of his will,
To the praise of his glorious grace,
With which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood,
The forgiveness of our trespasses,
According to the riches of his grace,
Which he lavished upon us,
in all wisdom and insight
making known to us the mystery of his will,
According to his purpose,
 which he set forth in Christ
 as a plan for the fullness of time,
To unite all things in him,
 things in heaven and things on earth. Amen.**

Sermon: Pastor Thomas Kuhn, *Reformed University Fellowship @ UNL*
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Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father, you have given yourself to us in the person of your dear Son. United with Him, we now give ourselves to you through these tithes and offerings. Grant that they may be used for the advancement of your kingdom both here and throughout the world. **Amen.**

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders in accord with the practice of our denomination.

*Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Please maintain six-foot distance between individuals/family units. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side. Alternatively, you may take the bread and cup to your seat and partake there. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

Words of Institution and Prayers

Procession

Congregational Singing: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing worldly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God
To earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

2. King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the shadows clear away

4. At His feet the six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia
Alleluia Lord Most High

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Commission and Benediction

Matt. 28:18-20 - "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Num. 6:24-26 - "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Congregational Response: "Threefold Amen"