

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*  
April 28, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 24*

Minister: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**All: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Minister: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**All: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty. The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

\*HYMNS

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*, No. 1

(Psalm 100, Wm. Kethe) OLD HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

(Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend)

Creation sings the Father's song; he calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, his breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

*Chorus:*

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"  
Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.  
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. *Chorus*

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.  
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! *Chorus*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Philippians 2:3-11, 1 Peter 1:3-11*

Minister: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**All: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Minister: His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**All: For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.**

Minister: For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

**All: Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

HYMN

*Fullness of Grace*

(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty)

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world.  
Chose the path of meanest worth: scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable, cold and rejected: Here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus.  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.  
Christ the holy Innocent took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of grace, despised and rejected: Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Promise of God in Jesus.  
Through his obedience we are forgiven, op'ning the floodgates of heav'n  
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

**All:** Loving Father, we come to be humbled by your mighty truth, and pray that you will grant us a deeper understanding of ourselves, our sin, and our Savior. We confess that we have often not waited for you to exalt us, but have instead felt sure that we must do this for ourselves. When we are tempted and tried, we often fail. When we fail, we do not look to the good news that Jesus has already won our victory over sin and death, and is our present strength in weakness. Please forgive us. We praise you for your deep mercy toward us. We thank you for Jesus, who lived perfectly on behalf of his chosen ones, including broken, proud, and anxious people like us. That he willingly humbled himself, taking on flesh to save us, is difficult for us to understand. Help us to remember that his unending, wondrous, saving love will never let us go. Cause us to run to him in faith and repentance as we continue to struggle with our remaining sin. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Hebrews 10:19-22*

*Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

## INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

SERMON

*Humble Glory*

Rev. Brent Horan

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Immovable Our Hope Remains*

(Augustus Toplady, Bob Kauflin, Brittany Born)

Immovable our hope remains though shifting sands before us lie.  
The One who washed away our stains shall bear us safely to the skies.  
The floods may rise, the winds may beat torrential rains descend  
Yet God his own will not forget. He'll love and keep us to the end.  
You'll love and keep us to the end.

This is eternal life to know the living God and Christ, the Son.  
The Savior will not let us go until his saving work is done.  
Our debt was great, as was our need, but now the price is paid.  
Who can behold Immanuel bleed and doubt his willingness to save?  
We trust your willingness to save.

The Lord acquits, who can condemn? Though Satan's accusations fly.  
His pow'r can never reach our names to blot them from the Book of Life.  
The Son has surely made us free, his Word forever stands.  
And all our joy is knowing we are graven on his wounded hands.  
We're graven on your wounded hands.

Built into Christ, secure we stand, for with his Spirit we've been sealed.  
By grace we'll see the promised land where ev'ry sorrow shall be healed.  
To God who gave his only Son, to Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
To God the Spirit, Three-in-one be songs of praise forevermore.  
We'll sing your praise forevermore.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are communicants in good standing of an evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel. Note that the outer ring is wine and the inner ring is grape juice.*

*A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus Paid it All*, No. 308

(Elvina Hall) ALL TO CHRIST

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

*Chorus:*

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Chorus*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim —  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb. *Chorus*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Chorus*

*Doxology*

(Thomas Ken) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CONCLUDING HYMN

*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*, No. 253

(William Cowper) FOUNTAIN

Stanzas 1-3, 5

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

\*BENEDICTION

*2 Peter 3:18*

*May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Brent Horan

5:30 pm

## PRAYER

### Newly Married

Pray for God's blessings on Dan and Olivia Hoffman who were married yesterday.

### Margaret McCormick

Pray for Margaret, mother of Patty Bennett, who has been hospitalized with pneumonia. Pray also for Patty and Jay as they care for her.

### Mary Laura, mother of Rich Gardner

Mary was moved to West Penn Hospital for her care. A stent was placed to overcome blockage. Pray for Rich and Terry as they attend to her.

### Ron LePage, brother of Margaret Comin

Ron has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has been placed in hospice care. Pray for peace and comfort for Ron and Elaine, his wife.

### Engaged Couples:

Jenna Shore and Brandon Guerin, Stephanie Zgela and Doug Finley

### Expectant Mothers:

Reagan Bigenho, Cara Lagerquist, Sarah Rodgers, Samantha Stickle

### Military Personnel:

Chaplain Stephen Scott

## SERMON NOTES