

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

January 20, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 145*

Minister: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**All: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Minister: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

**All: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

\*HYMNS

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*, No. 310

(Charles Wesley) DARWALL

Stanzas 1, 2, 5

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Worship Christ the Risen King*, No. 286

(Jack Hayford) REGENT SQUARE

Stanzas 1, 2, 5

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
"Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Minister: 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.

**All: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself 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.**

Minister: 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.

**All: In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.**

HYMN

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vicki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

*based on Daniel 9:4-6, 18; Psalm 1:1-2*

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

**All: Our gracious heavenly Father, you are the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments. We have sinned and done wrong. We have acted wickedly and rebelled, and have turned aside from your holy laws. We have not listened to your word as we ought. We have walked in the counsel of the wicked. We have stood in the way of sinners. We have sat in the seat of scoffers. O Lord, forgive us for all the ways we have not honored your Name. We are so thankful that mercy and forgiveness belong to you. We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great love and mercy. Thank you, Jesus, that you are our perfect righteousness, and that in you we have complete forgiveness and life everlasting. By the power of your Spirit, grant us an abiding love in you, hearts that delight in your law, and lives that display your grace. In your great Name we pray, Amen.**

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Avi Daniel Robel

## INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:17-24  
Pew Bible, pp. 868-869

## SERMON

*Reasons for Rejoicing*

Rev. Brent Horan

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*, No. 246

(Philip Bliss) HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, "It is finished!" was his cry:  
Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing 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.*

*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. NOTE that the colored cups in the outer ring of the tray are wine. The clear cups in the inner ring are grape juice.*

*During the bread**My Jesus, I Love You*, No. 648

(William R. Featherstone) CARITAS

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*During the cup**Instrumental*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CONCLUDING HYMN

*And Can it Be*, No. 455

(Charles Wesley) SAGINA

Stanzas 1, 3, 5

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Chorus:*

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
Humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! *Chorus*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Chorus*

\*BENEDICTION

*Ephesians 3:17-19*

*(May) Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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**EVENING WORSHIP**

Rev. Jeff Talley

6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

## PRAYER

### Todd Robel

Todd had a fall on Wednesday and underwent surgery for a broken hip. A further surgery will happen later on a broken elbow. Pray for good recovery and rehab.

### Patty and Jay Bennett

We continue to pray for Patty as she undergoes treatment.

### Marliese Bonk

Pray for Marliese as she undergoes chemo treatments.

### Ben McGuigan, grandson of Harry & Carol

Ben was released from the hospital but he is dealing with an extreme amount of pain. He is to be evaluated by NIH, but they are not sure when that will be. Please continue to pray that there would be an answer for his distress.

### Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church; Monroeville, PA Pastor Richard Lang;

Pray for us to grow in our love for God and others and seeking others' interests over our own.

### Engaged Couple:

Brendan McGuire and Emily Sparano

### Military Personnel:

Michael Frost, Chaplain Stephen Scott, Ben Pleunik

SERMON NOTES