

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

March 17, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34

Minister: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*HYMNS

Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, No. 198

(Georg Weisell) TRURO

Stanzas 1, 2, 5

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Let All Things Now Living, No. 125

(Katherine K. Davis) AMSTERDAM

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Minister: So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

All: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Minister: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

All: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

HYMN

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

Johann Rombach, Chorus & Music by Brent Horan

1. Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther Son and
 2. My lov - ing Fa - ther me you've tak - en For - e'er to be your
 3. Yes, all I am and love most dear - ly I off - er now, O

Ho - ly Ghost. I claim a place though weak and low - ly
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sa - vior me you've gi - ven
 7 Lord, to you. Oh let me make my vows sin - cere - ly,

A - mong your seed your cho - sen host. Bur -
 your righ - teous ho - ly life to share. O
 and what I say, help me to do. Let

ied with Christ and dead to sin, your Spir - it e'er shall
 Ho - ly Spir - it you will be a com - fort guide and
 all with - in me, all I own, serve no - thing but your

live with - in. Chorus: We have died
 help to me.
 will a lone.

in his death. In his life we are a - live in Christ
 we are a - live in Christ

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

All: Heavenly Father, we confess to you that though you have made us alive in Christ and given us your Holy Spirit, we continue to gratify the desires of our flesh in countless ways. We often live as though this world is all there is instead of living with our eyes fixed on our heavenly home. Father, forgive us. Give us true grief for our sin and genuine repentance, drawing us to the person and work of your Son. There let us see Jesus, the Lamb of God and Savior of Sinners. Help us to love him more and more and long for the day of his return. In his precious name we pray, Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ruby Hope Weaver

INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:37-54
Pew Bible, p. 870

SERMON

From Washing to Woe

Rev. Brent Horan

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62)

Stuart Townend, Aaron Keyes

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.

Chorus:

*O praise Him, hallelujah, my Delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

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;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *Chorus*

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely;
With every 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. *Chorus*

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

Behold the Lamb

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CONCLUDING HYMN

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus:

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise - Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise - Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Chorus*

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. *Chorus*

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.

POSTLUDE

EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Brent Horan

Ephesians 1:15-20

6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

PRAYER

Phil Hardin & family

Please pray for Phil and for all of the family of Mary Beth Hardin as we have received word of her passing this past Tuesday, March 12. The address is: 30 Tommy's Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840. Phil is a former pastor of FRPC.

Jaxton Lawyer

We praise God for Jaxton's MRI which revealed that there is nothing critical with his eye situation. Continue to pray for good diagnosis.

Buffy Abbott

Results of ultrasound taken last week appear to be encouraging. Please continue to pray for the biopsy which will take place on March 21 and will also, hopefully, give more answers concerning this mass.

Leigh Boyer's father

Please continue to pray for Leigh's dad as he undergoes procedures and treatment for the fall he had recently. They hope that he will be able to leave the ICU soon.

Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, PA: Pastors Dave Kenyon and Jack Kinneer

Pray for Jack Kinneer who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Pray for Dave Kenyon who is on study leave.

Engaged Couple:

Brendan McGuire and Emily Sparano

Military Personnel:

Michael Frost, Chaplain Stephen Scott, Ben Pleunik

SERMON NOTES