

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

August 4, 2019

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from 1 Chronicles 16:23-30*

Minister: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.**

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

\*HYMNS

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*, No. 295

(Matthew Bridges) DIADEMATA

Stanzas 1, 2, 4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*Psalms 96:1-8*

CORONATION

O sing a new song to the LORD; all earth sing to the LORD.  
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; "He saves!" each day proclaim.  
His glory to all nations show;  
His deeds let peoples know.

The LORD is great. How great his praise! Above all Gods He's feared.  
For heathen gods are idols vain; The LORD the heavens made.  
Before Him honor, majesty,  
And strength and splendor be!

O families of earth, ascribe all glory to the LORD!  
All strength ascribe unto the LORD; the glory of His name  
Give to the LORD. To His courts come  
And bring an offering.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Minister: Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

**All: But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

Minister: But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

**All: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

HYMN

*His Mercy is More*

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His  
 ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
 blood was the pay - ment; his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could  
 bot - tom or shore, Our sins, they are man - y; his  
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; his  
 ne - ver af - ford. Our sins, they are man - y; his  
 mer - cy is more. *Chorus:* Praise the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
 mer - cy is more.  
 mer - cy is more.  
 his mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,  
 new ev - 'ry morn. \_\_\_\_\_ Our sins they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

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

**All: Our gracious heavenly Father, we praise you that you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We thank you that you do not deal with us according to our sins, nor do you repay us according to our iniquities. Instead, in Jesus Christ, you have removed our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. Your compassion toward your children is truly humbling. For we, your people, continue to sin against you. We turn aside, each to our own way and we often do not listen to, or obey your word. Lord, forgive us, for Jesus' sake, and cause us to grow in our repentance and obedience. Give us a love for you that motivates us to live as those who have been united to the Lord Jesus Christ. For in him, we died to sin and were raised to walk in newness of life. May we be living testimonies to your work of salvation in our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 53:5

*He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.*

## INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1  
Pew Bible, p. 448

## SERMON

**Roots**

Rev. Jim Spitzel

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Take My Life and Let it Be*, No. 585  
Stanzas 1-3, 5

(Frances Havergal) HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

## 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*

***Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder***

John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name;  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies;  
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown;  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more;  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

*During the cup*

***Instrumental***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CONCLUDING HYMN

***How Firm a Foundation***, No. 94

(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*) FOUNDATION

Stanzas 1-3

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

\*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

## EVENING SERVICE

Mr. Scott Magnuson  
Isaiah 66:1-4  
“How Big is God?”  
6:00 pm - Sanctuary

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## PRAYER

### Addison George and her family

Continue to pray for Addison's counts to rise so that she would be strong for the next phase of chemo treatments that will start, hopefully, this week. And please pray for her complete healing and remission by the time of the next bone marrow biopsy.

### Bob Bremmer

Pray for Bob as he anticipates the start of treatments. Pray for his strength.

### Jim Lozenski

Please pray for Jim as he awaits results of the bone marrow biopsy taken last week.

### Kiski Valley Presbyterian Church, Leechburg, PA, Pastor Stevens;

Pray for the church during the transition to their new pastor; for peace and desire to do God's will.

### Officer Training

Pray for all of those who are going through officer training at this time.

### Engaged Couples:

Camden Woodward & Jackie Robel

### Expectant Mothers:

Joncelyn Abbott, Shelah Rall

### Military Personnel:

Chaplain Stephen Scott

SERMON NOTES

*"Roots"*  
*Psalm 1*

I. Two Humanities (v. 1-2)

II. Two Ways of Life (v. 3-4)

III. Two Destinies (v. 5-6)