

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 80:16-19

- Leader* Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,
the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.
- All* **Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.**
- Leader* Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- All* **Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.**
- Leader* Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
- All* **Make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

Opening Hymn

"Psalm 136"

All

**The Lord is all that's good.
He is the Power of powers.
He is the Beauty of beauties.
He is the Fear of fears.
He alone is the Author of wonders.
His thoughts are like the universe;
His care spread the earth on the water.
He's the truth of the day. He's the hope through the night.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able
To make us stand pure in his sight.**

**He crushed the head of death,
Delivered us from the reach of his hand.
With his mighty arm, he made us a path,
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.
While Pharaoh is damned to darkness,
He guides us through the wilderness.
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.
In us, he has planted his kingdom, his flame.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able
To make us like stars in the night.**

**He never forgets our weakness.
He spares us from the enemy.
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!**

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His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able
To raise us from death unto life.**

Nathan Partain, 2001

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

drawn from 1 Peter 1-2

Leader Apart from you, Lord,
 our way of life seems full and right,
 but really, it's only empty,
 cut off from true light and life.

All **We're like sheep going astray,
 who don't even know
 that we don't know our own way.**

Leader Lord, in your sovereign kindness,
 you hold all of our life in your hands.

All **When hardship comes, though,
 we wilt and drift in our faith,
 or we grumble and grit our teeth.
We don't rejoice in the midst of our trials,
 because we don't believe you're at work in the hard places.**

Leader It's hard to see and believe
 your bigger story in our day to day.

All **We fail to live by faith in your promises,
 in the unseen reality of heaven
 in the future reality of your return.
We trust and rely on what we can see for ourselves:
 our talents, resources, relationships, opportunities.**

Leader Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

All **Restore us to yourself,
 Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

drawn from 1 Peter 1-3

Leader Jesus is special and dear to God.
The Father chose him before the creation of the world
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

All **Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,
bearing our sins in his body on the cross,
to bring us to God.**

Leader Put to death in the body,
he was made alive in the Spirit.

All **He ascended into heaven
where he reigns at his Father's right hand,
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

Leader You are special and dear to God.
God has chosen and redeemed you
to make you his special possession
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

All **Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

Leader Once you were not a people,
All **But now we are God's people!**

Leader Once you had not received mercy,
All **But now we have received mercy!**

Song in the Gospel

“Draw Near (Psalm 69)”

All

**The flood around me is rising; the water’s up to my neck.
My voice is worn out from crying. O Lord, please send me your help!**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

**My flesh and blood no more own me; my fam’ly’s no more my home.
They hide their eyes from my grieving; they stop their ears from my groans.**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

**I asked them all for some comfort; I begged, but there was no bread.
They gave me food that was poison; with wine, they left me for dead.**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

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Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

Song in the Gospel

“Look There! The Christ!”

All

**Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes,
Resplendent from the cursed tree,
And what he brings in his hurt hands
Is life on life for you and me.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day’s dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, inside his pain,
Looked down Golgotha’s stony slope
And let the blood flow from his flesh
To fill the springs of living hope.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day’s dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died
In darkest hurt upon the tree
To offer us the worlds of light
That live inside the Trinity.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day’s dawning.**

words: John Bennett, 1920; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Remembering our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

Leader

What is Baptism?

All

Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of Salvation, Trusting His promise, Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

words: Michael Seward; add. lyrics: Bruce Benedict, 1982; music: Traditional Gaelic Melody

Baptism

1st Service

Ellie Grace, Addison Joy, and Taylor Hope Barnes, daughters of Brett & Maggie Barnes

Parents' Vows

Leader

1. Do you acknowledge Ellie's, Addison's, and Taylor's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Ellie, Addison, and Taylor to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying,
"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

All

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off
for all whom the Lord our God will call.""**

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Ellie, Addison, and Taylor Barnes into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround them with Christian love, to pray for them, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes this one in Christ's name, welcomes Christ.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-12

Reader

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Reader
People

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson
Tried, Tested, True

Community Group Questions

- 1) How do you tend to respond to trials? What three words would you use to characterize how you've responded to the trials of the last five months?
- 2) What does 1 Peter 1:3-12 say is true about your story right now in the present? What does the passage say will be true of your story in the future?
- 3) How might the bigger gospel story, as told in 1 Peter 1:3-12, shape your faith as you respond to trials right now?

Children's questions:

Life during the coronavirus has lots of challenges. How do you think you've done with those challenges? What does 1 Peter 1:3-5 say about you as a Christian? How can these amazing truths help us trust God through this time?

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Life as Worship

August Book Club | “Twelve Ways Your Phone is Changing You”
[redeemindy.org/events/bookclub]

Town Hall | September 2, 6–7pm

Valediction

from Ephesians 4:11–15

Leader

Jesus himself gave the apostles,
the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers,
to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up
until we all reach unity in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of who Jesus is.

All

**He did this so that we would no longer be childish in our thinking,
tossed back and forth by the waves,
and blown here and there by every wind of teaching
and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.**

Leader

Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we grow to become, in every respect, the mature body
of him who is our whole focus, that is, Christ.

Departing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

All

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

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

**When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

words: John Rippon, 1787; attr.: John Keene, Kirkham, and John Keith; music: Joseph Funk, 1832

Song of Celebration

"In the Strength that You Give"

All

**Father, you give me comfort, when my anxious fears arise.
Telling me gently, I'm helpless to change one hour of my life.**

**Jesus, teach me your Sabbath, when all my struggles are weighing me down.
When I cannot stop working 'til I can figure everything out.
Exhaust my reason, stall my effort, thwart my control for in this you bless.
Show me how grace can't be given, 'til I stop to rest.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.
'Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

**Spirit, lead me to worship, you turn my head and you lift my eyes.
Bringing me visions of heaven, where my Father's face is kind.
Filled with the deepest thanksgiving, sincerest prayers and tender new songs.
The earth may be crumbling and failing, but my love grows more strong.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.
Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

Song of Celebration

"The Day of the Lord"

All

**It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord
Will shine like the sun forevermore!
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,
Do not let the dark steal your song.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**It's not long till the day of the Lord,
it's not long till the day of the Lord!
Everything that is broken will soon be restored.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

**Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,
For the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.
And our God comes with laughter, let Him be your joy.
The power of the sword, he'll destroy.
It's not long till the day of the Lord!**

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