



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Welcome

Whether you're a regular part of our church family or are attending a service for the first time, we're glad that you're with us today.

In accordance with Montgomery County regulations for public schools, we kindly ask that you wear a mask for the duration of the service.

Reflection

We know that here we have no continuing city, that crowns roll in the dust and every earthly kingdom must sometimes flounder. Whereas we acknowledge a king men did not crown and cannot dethrone, as we are citizens of a city of God they did not build and cannot destroy.

Malcolm Muggeridge

Call to Worship – Acts 13:1-3

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord is King

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns rejoice;
From world to world the joy shall ring, 'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

Chorus

Sing His praise, sing His praise: 'Lord of lords, Ancient of Days!'
Sing His praise, sing His praise; all your days, all your days.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare, resist His will, distrust His care,
Or murmur at His wise decrees, or doubt His royal promises? *(Chorus)*

He reigns! ye saints, exalt your strains; your God is King, your Father reigns;
and he is at the Father's side, the Man of love, the Crucified. *(Chorus)*

The Lord is King! Bow down you must; the Judge of all the earth is just.
Holy and true are all His ways, let every creature sing His praise. *(Chorus)*

Psalm 92 (O Most High)

It is good to praise You Lord, and make music to Your name, O Most High. *(repeat)*

To proclaim Your love in the morning, and Your faithfulness at night. *(repeat)*

Chorus

Oh, I sing for joy at the sound of Your name, and the works of Your hands.
Oh, You make me glad; and, for all of my life, let my song to You rise
Oh, Most High.

It is good to praise You Lord, oh, Most High

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Scripture Reading – Luke 18:9-13

⁹ Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our Triune God, we confess that we're like the Pharisee.

All: We confess the moral superiority that lurks in our hearts. We acknowledge that vaunt ourselves through comparison with others rather than humble ourselves before your holiness. We repent of the pride which causes us to look down upon others and demean the cross of Christ.

Leader: Gracious Lord, thank you that Jesus came for the self-righteous.

All: Thank you that Christ atoned for my sin at Calvary and bestowed upon me His perfect righteousness. Gracious Lord, I praise and love you this day, Amen!

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Not In Me

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like, can earn myself a place with You.
O God! Be merciful to me— I am a sinner through and through!
My only hope of righteousness, is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth, can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life, my debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by Him, and he alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give,
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again— The pow'r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me, and merciful in Christ alone.

Ending:

My righteousness is Jesus' life, my debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by Him, and he alone can give me rest.

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Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading – Jonah 4:1-4

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

Children’s Recessional

- 3rd – 5th Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Machiela, Room 135
- 1st – 2nd Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Haroun, Room 139
- PreK- Kindergarten: Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Room 178

Sermon – Self-Righteousness

Outline:

1. Jonah’s self-righteousness
2. Our expressions of the same
3. The One who pursues Jonah

Figure A.

2 Kings 14:23, 25 ²³ Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. . . . He restored the border of Israel from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher.

Figure B.

Jonah 1:1-3 ¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Figure C.

“The seed of every sin known to man is in my heart.”

Robert Murray M’Cheyne

Figure D.

Romans 3:21-22 ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it- ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Figure E.

1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

Figure F.

Whoever is truly humbled will not be easily angry, will not be positive and rash, will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing that if there be a difference – it is grace that has made it!

John Newton, *The Letters of John Newton, 1770*, (reprint: Edinburgh: Banner of Truth) p. 99

Figure G.

God, I confess that I’m like Jonah. I feel morally superior to _____. I don’t want to be around _____. Their particular expression of pride and self-love drives me nuts, but I’m on very good terms with the pride of my moral superiority.

Thank you that Jesus died on the cross to atone for my _____. Thank you that though Jesus was perfect, He was _____ in my place. Thank you that Jesus rose for my justification. I’m grateful that through faith in Jesus, I’m given *His* perfect righteousness, His humility.

Prayer of Repentance and Faith

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

How Sweet and Awful is the Place

How sweet and awful is the place, with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays, the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs, join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast, that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

Text: Issac Watts, 1707 Music: ST. COLUMBIA, Old Irish Hymn Melody

Benediction

May God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit enable you to turn from self-righteousness and to rest in the perfect righteousness of Christ.

Announcements

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry will meet on Wednesday at 8:00pm via Zoom.

Upcoming Events

- There will be a time after the worship service on February 20 to share reflections about the sermons on justice.
- Saturday, April 2, 3:00pm, Baby shower for Ayoko Haroun at the Hillah residence
- Saturday, April 9, 10:00am, Diaper Drive & Egg Hunt at Gibbs ES
- Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday!