

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nacogdoches, Texas

The Service for the Lord's Day



October 11, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Assembling in Spirit Via the Internet

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PRELUDE

Dr. James Pitts, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CELEBRATING TIME

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God, who is merciful, may be trusted to forgive us all unrighteousness. With confidence in God, let us come before the throne of grace. Let us pray...

All: God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. You let the oppressed go free, but we excuse oppression. You give away the keys to your realm, but we try to stand guard at the gates. Forgive us and liberate us from our blindness and self-satisfaction. Unbind us from our sin, and release, restore, and set us free to worship and serve you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Continue in silent prayer...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ Jesus came into the world to seek and save sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all there is in him. Friends, we are forgiven!

All: **In Christ we are forgiven! Let us forgive others, give God thanks, and live in peace.. Alleluia! Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

OFFERING REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:1-9

SOLO

"O Divine Redeemer"
Chelsea Scott

Charles Gounod

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"Black Tie or Blue Jeans"

Rev. Howard Reed

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(Ecumenical version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Rathbun

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The congregation is grateful to James Pitts, Michele Peck, Kevin Helmer, Whitney Frazier, our soloists,
for faithfully sharing worship with many others via the internet.*

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