

**JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

THE PRELUDE - *"The Heart of God"* - McAfee-Rand

THE WELCOME

Rev. Samantha Coggins

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

THE INTROIT

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

We observe this day as the Lord's Day.

We come giving thanks to God.

The God who gives justice to the oppressed.

The God who forgives us and redeems us.

The God who promises life eternal.

Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION** - *"We Bow Down"*

You are Lord of creation

And Lord of my life

Lord of the land and the sea

You were Lord of the heavens

Before there was time

Lord of all lords You will be

We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
Lord of all Lords You will be

You are King of creation
And King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time
King of all Kings You will be

We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
King of all kings You will be

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (*please be seated*)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Judge,
we admit we have double standards.
We seek forgiveness for ourselves,
but fail to forgive others.
We seek relief for ourselves,
but fail to seek relief for others.
We seek leniency for ourselves,
but fail to show that mercy to others.
Forgive us, mighty God,
and help us to forgive,
showing others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown to us.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hear and believe:

God does not deal with us according to our failures,
but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

God's love for God's people assures God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #581**

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. Amen, Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*please remain seated*)

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.

THE ANTHEM - "I Will Arise"

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it. Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Tindall

John 17: 1-8

What Does the Bible Say About Eternal Life?

***THE HYMN OF REFLECTION - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - #366**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING *(please be seated)*

THE OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY #609**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***THE HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP -" *Our Hope, Our Life*" -#847**

1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord,
the God we honor and confess.

Why crave renown or opulence?

They fade, those things we now possess.

2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power,
but what they cherish will decay;
and still the ransom for a soul
remains a price too great to pay.

3 Though wealth or learning may be ours,
or fame that spreads throughout the land,
the shackles of mortality
prevent so much that we have planned.

4 Beyond this age of shame and sham
we glimpse a better destiny:
the Lord will lift us free from death
to dwell in praise eternally.

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - "*Postlude Fugato*" - Scarmolin