

**JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

THE PRELUDE - *"The Communion Table"* - Michael Shea

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Rev. Jeff Tindall

THE INTROIT

THE STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** - Rev. Matt Fricker

*"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked,
and Peter answered, "The Messiah."*

Let us worship the One who is our savior
and follow in Christ's path of love.

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION** - *"O Worship the King"* #41 vs 1, 3 & 5

O worship the King,
all glorious above!
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power

has founded of old;
established it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust,
nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you:
to carry the truth of your justice like a banner
and bear the yoke of life as your servant.
We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves.
We draw away from the imagery of the cross,
forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory.
Forgive us, O God, and call us once more
to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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 ANTHEM – " *When We Worship God Through Music*"

By Eugene Butler

When we worship God through music, praise and glorify His name, and we lift His word through singing, His redemption we proclaim, Alleluia, sing with joy, and instrument and voice employ. When we worship God through music, words of truth we contemplate, earth resounds with heaven's glory, we rejoice and celebrate, Alleluia, sing with joy and instrument and voice employ. When we worship God through music, magnify His name in praise, we rejoice for He has blessed us, and His love attends our ways, Alleluia, sing for joy, and instrument and voice employ. When we worship God through music using strings and pipe and voice, we extol His grace and wonder, Alleluia, we rejoice, Alleluia...

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Matthew 28: 16-20 & Acts 2: 42-47

"Why Are We Here?"

THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- "*Be Thou My Vision*" #450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;

thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE OFFERING

***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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***THE HYMN OF PROMISE- "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #835**

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (*Refrain*)

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*Refrain*)

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (*Refrain*)

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - "Postlude in D" - Caleb Simper