

JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

THE PRELUDE – “*Open My Eyes*” - arr. Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS– Rev. Jeff Tindall

THE INTROIT

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. Matt Fricker

When the world around us seems to be shaking,

God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.

When the life within us is dry and parched,

God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.

Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

and teaches us how to serve.

*THE HYMN OF ADORATION – “*Thy Word*” #458 x2

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

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and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. (*Refrain*)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first
must be last and servant of all.

Oh, how we long to be first, O God:
to climb every ladder, frame every achievement,
get every promotion, and obtain every glory.

Oh, how we long to be first, O God,
and oh, how we dread being last.

Forgive us, O humble Christ,
and by your forgiveness, teach us.

Teach us to reframe our priorities.

Teach us to be servants first,
and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.

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 BAPTISM

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THE BAPTISM HYMN- *"Jesus Loves Me"*

Jesus loves me! This I know,

for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong.

They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC - Marielle Brown

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Matthew 28: 16-20

Joshua 4: 1-7

"To Know God"

THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- *"O Word of God Incarnate"* - #459

O Word of God incarnate,

O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth unchanged, unchanging,

O Light of our dark sky:

we praise you for the radiance

that from the hallowed page,

a lantern to our footsteps,

shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior,
received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
on all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended,
we see you face to face.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. *Christ teaches us this:*

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."¹ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

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 HYMN OF DEVOTION- *"Open My Eyes that I May See"* #451**

Open my eyes, that I may see

glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear

voices of truth thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear,

everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear

gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart, and let me prepare

love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - *“Word of God, Across the Ages”* - by Smith/Haydn