

**JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
MARCH 12, 2023**

THE PRELUDE - *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"* - arr. Hugh Livingston

THE WELCOME

Rev. Samantha Coggins

THE INTROIT

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.

But some things are certain.

We do know:

*Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

God is our keeper and our shade.

Let us lift our eyes to God.

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION** - *"You Call Us, Lord, to Worship"*

You call us, Lord, to worship; the day is set aside.

Your love is overflowing; the doors are opened wide.

Yet as we see your goodness, we see what we have been.

And so we humbly ask you, "Forgive us of our sin!"

We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.

The peace of Christ is with us; forgiveness fills this place.

We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.

Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.

We share our joys and sorrows and then we offer prayer

For people who are hurting, for nations everywhere.

We bring our tithes and offerings, returning what is yours,

For what we keep may vanish, but what we give endures.

We celebrate your love, Lord, with water, wine and bread.
For at your font we're welcomed and at your feast we're fed.
We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then
Through daily, faithful living, we worship you again.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION *(please be seated)*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teacher,
you call us to go,
following the plan that you have set out for us.
You promise us blessings and purpose,
but we do not trust your words.
We cling to what we already know,
we trust in what we can see and touch,
we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.
Call to us again,
that we may be born again through your Spirit.
Help us to believe
and give us the abundant life
that comes from following your will.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world
might be saved through him.
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

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 – “Without His Cross” - By Joseph M. Martin

Without His tears there is no comfort. Without His death there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross there is no crown. Without His shame there is no glory. Without His grief there is no joy. Without His stripes there is no healing. Without His cross there is no crown. Lamb of God, you bring salvation, and with your grace our hearts are sealed. Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows. In your eyes we stand revealed. Without His tears there is no comfort. Without His death there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross, there is no crown.....

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Tindall

John 3: 1-17

Beautiful and Terrible Mystery

***THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- “What Wondrous Love is This?” - #215**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

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 - "I Love to Tell the Story"- #462**

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;

'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. (*Refrain*)

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (*Refrain*)

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - "*Departing Blessing*" - Stainer/Perry