



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We speak our words of praise in a world that is hellish; we sing our songs of victory in a world where things get messy; we live our joy among people who neither understand nor encourage us. But the content of our lives is God, not humanity. We are not scavenging in the dark alleys of the world, poking in its garbage cans for a bare subsistence. We are traveling in the light, toward God who is rich in mercy and strong to save. It is Christ, not culture, that defines our lives. It is the help we experience, not the hazards we risk, that shapes our days.

Eugene Peterson

Lord's Day Worship

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-6

- Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**
- Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**
- Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- People: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

*SONG

“A Mighty Fortress”

<https://youtu.be/zhMFifugZ8o>

1.

A mighty fortress is our God
 A bulwark never failing
 Our Helper He amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing
 For still our ancient foe
 Doth seek to work us woe
 His craft and pow'r are great
 And armed with cruel hate
 On earth is not his equal

2.
Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

3.
And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

4.
That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDING WITH THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:28-29

What confidence do we have as we navigate the hazards of this life?

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 103:10-12

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

- That God would make us people who lament injustice, who long for peace and flourishing, and who pursue shalom in our city and world.
- We pray for the homeless, marginalized, and vulnerable in our city and region, particularly as they weather the pandemic. Help us to find ways to love and care for these as the people of God.

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- We pray for those who are alone during the pandemic, particularly children in dangerous home situations and residents of nursing facilities who cannot receive visitors.
- We praise God for Carla Ellison’s new grandson, Chadwick.
- We pray for Wanda Williams as she continues to care for Horace.
- We pray for Fran Halterman as she struggles with pain from a fractured pelvis. And for Vick as he cares for her.
- We pray for Marilyn Agee’s recovery from cataract surgery.
- We thank you that Karis and Christy Keating are home from the hospital. Give them rest as they readjust to life at home. We also pray for Christy’s family, as they mourn the death of her father.
- We pray for our church, that you will help us stay connected to and love one another as the pandemic stretches on.

*BIBLE READING

Psalm 124

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
- 2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
- 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4 then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- 5 then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!
- 7 We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Todd Gwennap

“Rescue”
Songs for the Road

*SONG

“When Trials Come”

<https://youtu.be/FCL4oriP-6o>

1
When trials come no longer fear
For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

2
Within the night I know Your peace
The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercies flow
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow

3
I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good

4
When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run
Till He completes the work begun
Till He completes the work begun

One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope You called me to
And in Your kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

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***BENEDICTION**

Based on Isaiah 43:1-4

Fear not, for God has redeemed you; he has called you by name, you are his.
When you pass through the waters, he will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For he is the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...you are precious in his eyes, and honored,
and he loves you.

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