



CHRIST THE KING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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All suffering, all pain, all emptiness, all disappointment is seed: sow it in God and he will, finally, bring a crop of joy from it. Eugene Peterson

So the psalm, speaking first to its own times, speaks still. Miracles of the past it bids us treat as measures of the future; dry places as potential rivers; hard toil and good seed as the certain prelude to harvest. Derek Kidner

Lord's Day Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: his greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another,

People: and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

People: and tell of your power.

Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord:

People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

*SONG

REFORMATION SONG

https://youtu.be/_jjCdKey4zg

1

Your Word alone is solid ground,
The mighty rock on which we build
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled

2

Through faith alone we come to You
We have no merit we can claim
Sure that Your promises are true
We place our hope in Jesus' name

REFRAIN

*Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone*

3

In Christ alone we're justified
His righteousness is all our plea

Your law's demands are satisfied
His perfect work has set us free

REFRAIN

4

By grace alone we have been saved
All that we are has come from You
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new (x2)

REFRAIN (x2)

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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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 15:50, 53–58

Q. What is our unshakeable future in Christ?

A. I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you have made us for joy, but true joy often eludes us. Instead, we pursue a faint imitation of joy in the fleeting pleasures of this life, or we seek to numb our pain through food, drink, entertainment, and work. Forgive us. In Christ, you restore us to the true source of joy—communion with you, our Heavenly Father. By your Spirit, you work lasting joy into our hearts, even in the midst of our weeping. All as a gift of your grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1, Titus 2:14

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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.
- 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 pray for Wanda and Horace Williams, as Horace is now on hospice care. We pray God's peace and comfort for them both in this season.
- We pray for Fran Halterman as she struggles with pain from a fractured pelvis. And for Vick as he cares for her.
- We thank you for Jim DeVries's good recovery from hernia 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.
- We thank you for bringing Mark and Rachel Husband to CTK, and we pray for Mark as he begins a pastoral role at CTK.

*BIBLE READING

Psalm 126

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Todd Gwennap

“Laughter and Joy”
Songs for the Road

*SONG

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION
<https://youtu.be/1xl-WmjI2GQ>

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
“He has done great things,”
we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

2

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

3

3Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Chorus

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*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.