

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 9, 2024 at 10 am

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. . . . I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead." (Philippians 3:8, 10)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #341: "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *[Refrain]*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

Praise the LORD!
How good to sing praises to our God!
How delightful and how fitting!

**He heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.**

How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!
His understanding is beyond comprehension!

**The LORD delights in those who fear him,
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

Let us glorify him in our prayers and confession,
our music and hearing of his word,
in our fellowship together.

Praise the LORD!

* *Please stand if you are able*

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"WE WILL GLORIFY"

We will glorify the King of kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth;
He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe;
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I Am.

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"DAY BY DAY"

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Joyful Living: By Knowing Christ"*

Philippians 3:1-11

Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. ³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* *Please stand if you are able*

“CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH”

What is our hope in life and death
 Christ alone Christ alone
 What is our only confidence
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand
 What comes apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end
 The love of Christ in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ. *[Refrain]*

Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore. *[Refrain]*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Potluck after the service
The youth group is away this weekend at Camp Bethel
- Tuesday, June 11** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Hiking Group (12:00)
Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, June 12** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, June 13** Session (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, June 16** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Ice Cream Social for Father’s Day (after worship)

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