

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

September 15, 2024 at 10 am

"The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." (Luke 19:10)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" by Rick Founds.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Help us, O God of our salvation!
Help us for the glory of your name.

**Save us and forgive our sins
for the honor of your name.**

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

**Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will thank you forever and ever,
praising your greatness from generation to generation.**

Come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Psalms 79:9, 13; 85:7; 95:1.

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HYMN #466: O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Lord God, how glad we are for Your unending mercies and grace!
Because of our salvation in Christ,
we are your chosen and holy people.
Yet, we confess that we often forget just how deeply loved we are in Jesus.**

**Please forgive us for taking that love lightly.
May we grow in spiritual maturity
and faithfully forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us.**

**Dress us daily in the wardrobe of tenderhearted mercy,
kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
May we love consistently in the manner that You love.
Help us to do so, all for Your glory.
And now, Lord, hear our private prayers**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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HYMN #376: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"The Promise of Salvation"*

John 6:37-40

"Those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. ³⁹ And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. . . .

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life

of his Son. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

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.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise;
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. [Refrain]

Almighty, infinite, Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us,
Falling before Your throne;
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. [Refrain]

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Sept. 17** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Sept. 18** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, Sept. 19** Deacons’ Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Saturday, Sept 21** Youth: International Coastal Cleanup in Ocean Shores
(meet at church at 8:00 am, picnic following)
- Sunday, Sept. 22** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Widow Support Group Discussion
(after the service in parlor)
- LOOKING AHEAD** Sharing Table (Sunday, Sept. 29, before/after the service)

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