

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

June 23, 2024 at 10 am

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. . . .  
Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand." (Philippians 4:6-7)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### HYMN #140: "HOLY, HOLY"

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;  
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

Gracious Father, Gracious Father,  
We're so blest to be Your children, Gracious Father.  
And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,  
Gracious Father, Gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus,  
We're so glad that You've redeemed us, Precious Jesus.  
And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,  
Precious Jesus, Precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit;  
And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love,  
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.

**We will delight in the richest of fare.**

Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

\* *Please stand if you are able*

**We will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before us,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.**

This will be for the LORD's glory,  
for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure forever.

**Let's worship our Lord who hears us in our needs, and gives us his peace.**

*Based on Isaiah 55:1-7, 12-13.*

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**HYMN #210: "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" (verses 1-3, 5)**

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O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)**

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**Eternal God, we recognize that Your ways are mysterious.  
Teach us to be still and to wait for You.**

**We confess our sinfulness,  
our need for control, and our discomfort with the unknown.  
Instead of turning to You, we numb our pain with temporary distractions.  
We pretend to have our lives together when we really feel inadequate and insecure.**

**Thank You for Your patience with us  
when we are slow to recognize Your activity in our lives.  
You never give up on us, O Lord.  
And now hear us in our silent, personal confessions . . .**

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

**God of grace, You show up in our lives in the most unexpected ways.  
Surprise us this week with an awareness of Your presence.  
Replace our fear with trust.  
Turn our anxiety into wonder.  
Give us Your peace and joy as we live by faith and not by sight.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

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***"I MUST TELL JESUS" (verses 1-3)***

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I must tell Jesus all of my trials,  
I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
In my distress He kindly will help me,  
He ever loves and cares for His own.

*I must tell Jesus,  
I must tell Jesus,  
I cannot bear my burdens alone.  
I must tell Jesus,  
I must tell Jesus,  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,  
He is a kind compassionate friend;  
If I but ask Him He will deliver,  
Make of my troubles quickly an end. *[Refrain]*

Tempted and tried I need a great Savior,  
One who can help my burdens to bear;  
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,  
He all my cares and sorrows will share. *[Refrain]*

*"I Must Tell Jesus" by Elisha Albright Hoffman.  
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**THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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Sermon: *"Joyful Living: Experiencing God's Peace"*

**Philippians 4:2-9**

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. <sup>3</sup> And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that

are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

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*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**

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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.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**HYMN #403: “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”**

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What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, June 25** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, June 26** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Sunday, June 30** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)  
Sharing Table (before and after the service)

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## Summer Series: Questions, and Answers!

For our summer preaching series, I thought we could do something fun, and, I hope, helpful. Normally *I* choose what I'll be preaching on, but for the summer I'd like to invite *you* to submit questions you would like me to preach/teach about. So this is your invitation!

Here are some ideas of things you might like me to talk about (but please don't hesitate to go in another direction):

- A Bible story, or passage, you'd like explained—what was going on and how does it speak to us today?
- A question about what we believe as Christians/followers of Jesus (e.g., what do Christians believe about . . . ; or why do we believe in . . . ?)
- A question about the history of Christianity (e.g., what happened, and why?; or who was . . . ?; or how did such and such a group arise, and why?)
- A question about why we do something, or the meaning of something in our worship services.
- Other question(s)?

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

If I have your name and I'm not sure of the direction of your question  
I may contact you for clarification.  
Your name WILL NOT be used in the message!

***One caveat:*** I'll NOT take on any of the divisive issues of the day, not because I don't feel that the Bible speaks to them but because in our current political context these tend to be seen as statements of political alliance—and our tax-exempt status with the IRS precludes statements that might be seen as supporting one party or candidate over another.

**THIS FORM WILL BE ON THE TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ALL SUMMER—  
SO IF ANOTHER QUESTION COMES TO YOU . . . .**