



Christ Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2020

Morning Worship Service

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The Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

You may use the following song for quiet reflection as you prepare to worship. Sing along if you would like.

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/hymn-come-thou-fount/>

Call to Worship

Psalm 18: 1-3

(If you are with your whole family, the dads can read the part of “pastor” and let the family respond as the congregation. If you are on your own, simply read the words out loud and reflect on their meaning as you speak.)

Pastor: I love you, O Lord, my strength

Congregation: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

Pastor: my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Congregation: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

The Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

<https://youtu.be/TCPNr1XTSc>

The Invocation

(you may use the attached prayer to ask the Lord’s presence as you worship Him)

Father in Heaven, we rejoice to quiet our hearts before you. Your name is exalted, praised above the heavens and adored by the heavenly hosts. You are our Lord and God. Hear our prayer, for it is you whom we would worship. As your children we gather, in the name of Christ. We ask you to grant us the presence and power of your Holy Spirit. Father, receive us through Christ and welcome our worship. Glory be to you, God Most High, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 46

(Ask one family member to read the questions out loud. Then all join together to read the answers.)

Question 120- Why has Christ commanded us to address God as "our Father"?

Answer- To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer that childlike reverence and trust toward God which should be basic to our prayer: God has become our Father through Christ and will much less deny us what we ask of him in faith than our fathers would refuse us earthly things.

Question 121- Why is there added, "in heaven"?

Answer- These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly manner, and to expect from his almighty power all things we need for body and soul.

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 21: 22 - 22: 5

The Psalm that we study this morning speaks of Zion as an earthly city. The original Mount Zion was a foretaste of the true Mountain of the Lord. This passage from Revelation gives us a glimpse into the New Heavens and New Earth. By faith, we join our forefathers who looked forward to what the Apostle John describes.

Confession of Sin

James 1: 19-20

"let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

Take a moment and quietly confess your sins to the Lord. As you confess, remember that the Lord describes himself as a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Repent of your sins and turn to Christ.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Taken from Psalm 51: 1-4, 11-13, 15

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Amen."

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10: 21-22 (adapted)

“since (Jesus is our) great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. If you rest upon him, alone for your salvation. God’s word declares that your sins are forgiven in and through Christ. In Jesus, you are adopted to live as a son or daughter of your Heavenly Father. With thankful heart, please sing....

The Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/hymn-he-will-hold-me-fast/>

The Offertory Prayer

God Almighty, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. As the maker of heaven and earth, you own all things. As your precious children, we trust you to take care of us. We trust you for our daily bread, for clothing, shelter...and all of our needs. We thank you for these things, but most especially for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for the salvation which is ours through his righteousness. We give these gifts back to you, with thankful hearts. You have given to us, freely....now we give back to you with thanksgiving!

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

After worship, feel free to send a check to P.O. Box 2016 Auburn, AL. 36831 or you may go to this link and give online. <https://christpresauburn.org/online-giving/>

Pastoral Prayer

(Follow this link to our pastoral prayer and the sermon.)

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/a-psalm-of-confidence/>

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 46

The Preaching of the Word of God

“A Psalm of Confidence”

The Hymn of Response

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Psalm 46)

<https://youtu.be/8XUYZoguhEQ>

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3: 16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Doxology

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/hymn-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.

Sermon Outline

Main idea- God is a fortress of power and grace for his people

1) Comfort in Calamity (v1-3)

2) The City of God (v4-7)

3) The Ultimate End (v8-11)

Hymn lyrics

The Prelude

Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

The Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, when such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus they march, their pillar leading
Light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding
Which He gives them when they pray.

4. Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity—
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
Boasted pomp and empty show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

The Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

Refrain:

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.*

Refrain

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!*

Refrain

The Hymn of Response

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*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*

*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;
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

*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*

*That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through 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.*