

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 25, 2020



**CHRIST**  
EVANGELICAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (PCA)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
To all who fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
And to whoever will come-

This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-7, 10

Minister: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.  
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Let us worship and exalt our God together!

**Hymn of Praise**

**A Might 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 tho' 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  
Thro' 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

## **Invocation**

### **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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen Amen

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

Minister: He leads me beside still waters.

**People: He restores my soul.**

Minister: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalm 23

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

Minister: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

Minister: You anoint my head with oil;

**People: My cup overflows.**

Minister: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**All: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unfasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free  
Eternal thy goodness for  
Naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

**Call to Confession**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 67;  
Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 105-107; Exodus 20:13

Minister: What is the sixth commandment?

**People: The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.**

Minister: What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

**People: I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or murder my neighbor - not  
by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly  
not by actual deeds - and I am not to be party to this in others;  
rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to  
harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of  
murder is also why government is armed with the sword.**

Minister: Does this commandment refer only to murder?

**People:** By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are murder.

Minister: Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

**People:** No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

### Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together:

**All:** O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sister and sin against you, our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

#### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember  
No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing he  
Counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

#### Chorus

*Praise the Lord his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

*continued*

What patience would wait  
As we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus*

*Praise the Lord his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus 2x*

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

**Reception of New Members**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon**

**"Before the Rooster Crows"**

*John 18:12-27*

Rev. Richard Harris

**Closing Song**

**In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save

*continued*

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again

And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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