

Tates Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

June 21, 2020 at 9:00 and 11:15AM

REJOICE Declare the praises of God

Prelude *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (Kirkpatrick; arr. Whitworth)

Call to Worship

LEADER:

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion;
Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem.

PEOPLE:

**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of him who brings good news.**

LEADER:

Who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation.

PEOPLE:

Who says to Zion, our God reigns!

Hymn of Rejoicing *O Church Arise* (Keith Getty | Stuart Townend)

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

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Liturgy Notes

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column answers the “what” and “why” of each element of our liturgy.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is traditionally the first element in a Christian liturgy, serving as the moment of consecration. God's word is used to invite us into the sacred time of corporate worship, and we respond with our voices as an answer to His call.

Congregational Singing

A unique aspect of Christian worship is that we sing together. Our singing is an expression of love for God and joy in his gospel. Singing strong hymns grounded in the truths of our theology raises our eyes from awe of the created to awe of the Creator. Scripture commands us to sing. Beautiful voices are not required, but a community joining together to sing truth and to sing it with passion and conviction is beautiful to our God.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Invocation, Welcome, and Announcements

Membership Vows

9:00 - Jameson Barnes

Prayers of the People

MINISTER:

Our Heavenly Father, what a privilege it is for us to not only call you this, but to come to you as our Abba Father. You are a generous Provider. You are a powerful Protector. You are a kind Shepherd. You are a peaceful Presence.

» *Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Fatherhood of God*

MINISTER:

For the men that are grandfathers ... Father, would you empower these saints to set an example for the multiple generations in their family. To pray for, instruct and provide for them. Father, would you allow these men to spend their days telling the next generation about your wonderful works and that they should set their hope in You.

» *Silent Prayers for the Grandfathers in our world*

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Invocation

The minister invokes the presence of God that is promised to those who gather in His name. We ask for God to join us in worship, to lead us in worship, and to be pleased with our worship.

MINISTER:

For the men that are currently raising children... Father would you give them the capacity to be fully present in body, heart and mind. To invest in the next generation that they might stand strong in this world and be a light in the darkness. Would you give them the capacity and the energy to do the simple and mundane things that will shape the hearts and minds of their children. Would you teach them to be patient and consistent in their discipline. Would you empower them to be fun yet focussed as they parent these young souls.

» *Silent Prayers for Fathers currently raising children*

MINISTER:

For the men who are soon to be fathers or who are desiring to be fathers... Father, would you pour Your Spirit of patience and preparation on these men that they might be ready to trust you when/if you decide to give them children. For the men who do not have children for various reasons... Father, would you show them even now how they can be fathers and brothers to so many within your Church Family. Would you please give these men the peace and comfort they need in this season and give them a vision for what being a spiritual father can mean in this day.

» *Silent Prayers for men longing to be a father*

MINISTER:

Father, this morning, we want to especially pray for those of us who as sons/daughters are estranged from our fathers or as fathers we are estranged from our sons/daughters. But for also those who have lost their father and today is a difficult reminder of that loss. Father, would you pour out your Grace this morning. Perhaps that is the grace of forgiveness. Perhaps that is the grace of reconciliation. Perhaps that is the grace of patience. Perhaps that is the grace of comfort and peace. Whatever the need is, you Lord know it perfectly and we ask that you would comfort all of us who struggle on this day.

» *Silent Prayers for those experiencing hurt or loss today concerning their father.*

MINISTER:

Lastly, Father, together we pray for the next generation of young boys and men. Would you empower the men of our congregation to be a godly example of manhood. Would you build a mighty army of men that are generous Providers. Men that are strong Protectors. Men that are gentle and kind shepherds. Men that are a peaceful and powerful presence. Men that do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with You. All of this we ask of you our Abba Father because they are true of you... make them true of our men this day! We pray this prayer through Jesus who is Your one and only Son that you love and because of that love You also love us as sons and daughters. Amen.

» *Silent prayers for the next generation of men*

Scripture Reading Psalm 143

- 1**Hear my prayer, O Lord;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- 2**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
- 3**For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4**Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.
- 5**I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
- 6**I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah
- 7**Answer me quickly, O Lord!
My spirit fails!
Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.
- 8**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.
- 9**Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
I have fled to you for refuge.
- 10**Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me
on level ground!
- 11**For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- 12**And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your servant.

LEADER:

All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,...

PEOPLE:

...but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Confession of God's People

MINISTER:

"I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me. But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols."

PEOPLE:

Forgive us, Lord, we have forgotten you.

MINISTER:

"My people have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and have dug out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

PEOPLE:

Forgive us, Lord, we have replaced you.

MINISTER:

"Lions have roared, they have growled at you, they have laid waste to your land. Have you not brought this on yourselves by forsaking the LORD your God?"

PEOPLE:

Forgive us, Lord, we have forsaken you.

MINISTER:

"I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?"

PEOPLE:

Forgive us, Lord, we have turned against you.

MINISTER:

"Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God and have no fear of me..."

- Silent Prayers of Confession -

Repentance of God's People

MINISTER:

Do you turn from the harmful ways of your idolatry?

PEOPLE:

We do.

MINISTER:

Do you return to the healing ways of your God?

PEOPLE:

We do.

Confession of God's People

In the Confession of Sin we humbly agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. This is the most honest moment of our week, as we confess our sin and shame together. We do this corporately through a unison litany or prayer and individually through a moment of silence for private confession.

Repentance of God's People

Our time of confession becomes a time of fresh commitment through corporate repentance. Together we boldly turn from all evil and offer our lives again to God. Only say these words if you are indeed willing to repent of your sins.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Confession and repentance is always met with the surety of God's grace. The minister proclaims to the penitent community words of pardon from Scripture, assuring our hearts of the grace that is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Assurance of God's Pardon from Isaiah 55

MINISTER:

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Hymn of Renewal *My Jesus I Love Thee*

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

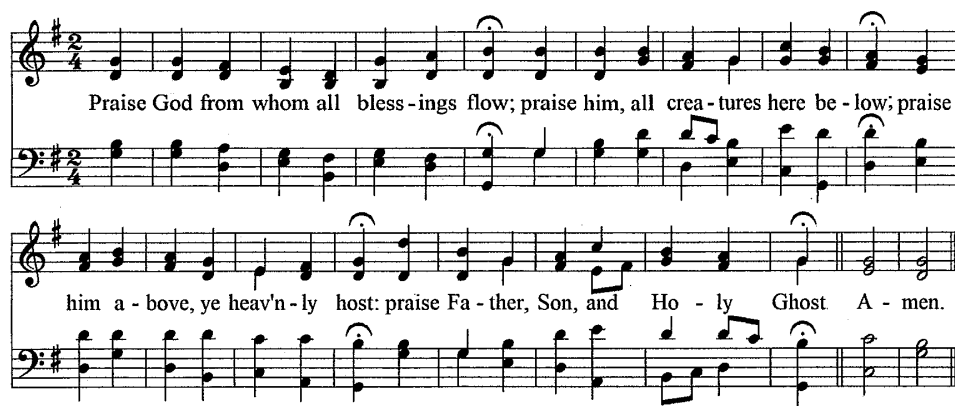
MINISTER:

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE:

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Doxology Old Hundredth



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost A-men.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Scripture Reading Romans 8:23-25

23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24**For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

MINISTER:

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE:

Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith

We confess together the convictional truths of orthodoxy by reciting the ancient creeds of our faith. We share these words with saints throughout the centuries as well as those throughout the world today. This also serves as a bold proclamation to the watching world of what we believe is true.

Offering

The offering is received, not merely as a way to pay the bills, but as an act of worship. In response to the God from whom all blessings flow, we give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially to His beloved bride, the Church.

Anthem

It is not just financial offerings that we give to God during this time but offerings of beauty as well. While the offering is collected, our choir offers up to God beautifully-composed music with text that meditates upon the truths of the gospel and the promises of God. God's gift of music (along with the work of his Spirit) helps us feel deeply and marvel at who he is, what he has done, and what he will do.

Hymn of Response *He Will Hold Me Fast* (Ada Ruth Habershon | Matthew Merker)

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

CHORUS:

**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 (**CHORUS**)

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 (**CHORUS**)

Benediction

MINISTER:
Go love your God;

PEOPLE:
Go love your neighbor.

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* (Felice diGiardini, arr. Albin C Whitworth)



Today's Musicians

Stephen Lynerd, piano and vocals
LeeAnn Raleigh, vocals
Jane Ritter, organ

Giving Report: For more info, visit tcpca.org/give

May Actual Giving:	\$195,404	YTD Actual Giving (Oct-May):	\$1,489,011
May Giving Goal:	\$183,067	YTD Actual Expenses (Oct-May):	\$1,622,182
Difference:	+12,337	Difference:	-\$133,171

Benediction

The minister raises His hands and pronounces God's benediction over the congregation, sending them forth with assurance from on high. Stretch forth your hands and open wide your hearts to receive the abundant blessings that are yours in Christ Jesus!

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