

Christ Presbyterian Church

February 7, 2021

Opening Song

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father of mercies, quiet our anxious thoughts and help us to be still before you. We confess that we do not run to you as our refuge and strength, but turn to many other sources of hope and help when our souls are troubled. Instead of spending time with you, we turn to the entertainments and distractions of this world, and the more we listen to the world, the more we believe its lies and lose our way. Forgive us, Lord, and give us a new will to seek you and be alone with you in the refuge of prayer, we ask in Jesus' name.

*Words of Assurance

O Great God

1. O great God of highest heaven,
 Occupy my lowly heart;
 Own it all and reign supreme,
 Conquer every rebel power.
 Let no vice or sin remain
 That resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me –
 Make me Yours forevermore

2. I was blinded by my sin,
 Had no ears to hear Your voice,
 Did not know Your love within,
 Had no taste for heaven's joys.
 Then Your Spirit gave me life,
 Opened up Your Word to me;
 Through the gospel of Your Son
 Gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life
 That's dependent on Your grace,
 Keep my heart and guard my soul
 From the evils that I face.
 You are worthy to be praised
 With my every thought and deed;
 O great God of highest heaven,
 Glorify Your Name through me.

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

Near to the Heart of God

There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

“A Desolate Place”

Heidelberg Catechism – Question One

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

*That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

Invitation to the Table

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”

Let the poor say, “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)

Closing Song

My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Benediction