

MITCHELL ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6 - 8:30 am and 9:45 am

Sanctuary

This hour of worship is a brief chance for us to gather and drop in on a conversation already in progress - a conversation between God and His people which began long before us and which will continue long after us.

Prelude — Rhapsody on American Hymn tunes for Organ Duet — arr.
Charles Callahan

Community Life

PRAISING THE CREATOR

***Call to Worship — Psalm 98:2-4, 7-8**

Leader: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

All: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King! Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

All: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord

***Hymn of Entrance**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in your care,
And everywhere that man can be, thou, God, art present there.

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Words: Isaac Watts; Music:
ELLACOMBE, German hymn (1784) arr. James Biery; © 2005
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***Prayer of Adoration**

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy
presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"Be Thou My Vision" Words and Music: Trad. Irish, ca. 8th c.

New Testament Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 12-14

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

All: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace — Romans 3:23-26

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the

present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

***Hymn of Worship**

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on that
judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer: my life He bought my love He owns;
I have no longings for another—I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me—
my feet are firm held by His grace,
My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness—His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
And when He calls me it will be paradise—His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 18:19-32

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon — When God Is Not Pleased — Andy Lewis

Communion Prayer — from the Valley of Vision

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

An usher will invite you forward. The bread and wine offered by the elders can be taken at your pew at any time. If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand to be served at your pew.

Communion Hymns

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*“Before the Throne of God Above” Words and Music: Charitie Bancroft
and Vicki Cook ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship, Song No. 2306412,
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I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Response**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**