

Worship in the Courtyard First Presbyterian Church

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Call to Worship

Lord, today we recall your faithfulness.

Thank you that you walk with us everyday, that you are with us in each moment.

Thank you that your promises are true and your goodness never fails us.

In this moment we come to you and we lay our lives before you.

May we worship and adore you with every fiber of our being.

May everything within us cry "Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come".

And so today we join with all those who worship and confess you as Lord, from generations past and present, and with all the angels that sing in heaven of your greatness and beauty.

Lord we adore you.

Lord we love you.

Lord you are so precious to us.

Amen.

How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art

How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God;
And all will see how great, how great is our God (repeat chorus)
Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great, how great is our God (repeat bridge)

Then sings my soul my savior God to Thee
How great thou are, how great thou art;
Then sings my soul my savior God to Thee
How great thou art, how great thou art;

O Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all
the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my savior God to Thee
How great thou are, how great thou art;
Then sings my soul my savior God to Thee
How great thou are, how great thou art.

Call to Confession

God doesn't call us to a blind faith...
but to a faith that is eye-opening and mind-expanding.
But we often find it more beneficial for ourselves
if we pretend we cannot see or understand God's vision for creation.

So please join me in the prayer of confession...

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, We pause this morning to confess our sin to You.
We enter into confession with both gratitude and reluctance.
We're grateful we have a gracious God to whom we can confess,
but we're reluctant that a deep confession might push the
limits of that grace. So we confess, but not too deeply. We**

admit our wrongdoing, but omit the specifics. But You know our hearts, O Lord. You see what is done in secret. You hear our anxious thoughts, and know our evil deeds. Forgive us for our deceptiveness even in our confession. Lead us into the depth of our brokenness, that we may experience the height of Your love. And then teach us how to exhibit Your love to a world that is broken. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Solo: “Your Mercy”

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole— should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another. [Jesus said to the disciples:] 15“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Sermon

Hope Has a Name

There is a song, I know it well
A melody that's never failed
On mountains high, in valleys low
My soul will rest, my confidence, in You alone

Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
My Savior's cross has set this sinner free
Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
Oh, Christ be praised, I have victory

There is a light, salvation's flame
Christ undefeated, trampled the grave
See now the cross, be lifted high
The light has come, the light has won, behold the Christ

Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
My Savior's cross has set this sinner free
Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
Oh, Christ be praised, I have victory
Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
My Savior's cross has set this sinner free
Hope has a name, His name is Jesus
Oh, Christ be praised, I have victory
Oh, Christ be praised, I have victory

Pastoral Prayer

It is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

(Chorus)

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

(Chorus)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)