



HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

March 7, 2021

Note: All hymn selections are included at the end of this document.

Reflection

"Whether God come to his children with a rod or a crown, if he come himself with it, it is well. Welcome, welcome Jesus, what may soever thou come, if we can get a sight of thee: and sure I am, it is better to be sick, providing Christ come to the bedside and draw the curtains, and say, Courage, I am thy salvation, than to enjoy health, being lusty and strong and never need to be visited of God." – Samuel Rutherford

Musical Reflection

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All (sung by musicians)

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
hear me, blest Savior, when I call;
hear me, and from thy dwelling place
pour down the riches of thy grace:
Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore;
O make me love thee more and more.

Jesus, of thee shall be my song;
to thee my heart and soul belong:
all that I have or am is thine,
and thou, blest Savior, thou art mine:
Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore;
O make me love thee more and more.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

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.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:2-3

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Responsive Reading

Psalm 16:1-6

Leader (v. 1): Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People (v. 2): I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

Leader (v. 3): As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People (v. 4): The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Leader (v. 5): The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

All (v. 6): The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Hymn of Praise

O God beyond All Praising #660

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer

Words of Comfort and Promise

Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

Hymn of Response

O God Eternal, You Are My God! #663

Belgic Confession

Article 20 – The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ

We believe that God – who is perfectly merciful and also very just – sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Amen

Hymn of Preparation

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.*

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

At this time, children in pre-K through Kindergarten may be dismissed to the nursery classroom on the first floor.

Psalm 73 – When We Are Tempted to Deny God as Our Sole Precious Possession

“Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. ³ For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹ And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?” ¹² Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. ¹⁵ If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. ²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully for Christ, to participate in the Lord's Supper. According to 1 Corinthians 11, participating rightly in this meal requires us to understand what is happening, so we ask that children who have not yet been received into communicant membership not partake of the elements. If you think your child is ready to participate, please speak to one of the elders.

Musical Reflection

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (sung by musicians)

1. Jesus, priceless treasure,
source of purest pleasure,
truest Friend to me:
ah, how long in anguish
shall my spirit languish,
yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb!
I will suffer naught to hide thee,
naught I ask beside thee.

2. In thine arms I rest me;
foes who would molest me
cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3. Satan, I defy thee;
death, I now decry thee;
fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
nor thy threats alarm me
while I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r guards ev'ry hour;
earth and all its depths adore him,
silent bow before him.

4. Hence with earthly treasure!
Thou art all my pleasure,
Jesus, all my choice.
Hence, thou empty glory!
Naught to me thy story,
told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss or shame or cross
shall not from my Savior move me,
since he deigns to love me.

5. Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure.

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*
- 2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*
- 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*
- 4. And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Benediction

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Psalm 73

Stephen's Answer (Part 2): Moses and David

1. The circumstance that tempted him: the _____ of the wicked

2. The perspective that corrected him:

a. He sees the condition of the _____

b. He sees his own sinful _____

c. He sees the goodness of _____

d. Ultimately, he sees the goodness of God as his _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor's card in the pew in front of you! There is also a place for prayer requests on the back.

Current Sunday Schedule & Note on Social-Distanced Seating — We gather morning and evening each Sunday for worship, prayer and fellowship. **We do ask that you continue to RSVP each week** using the form found on the COVID-19 tab of our website so that we may assign seats when using the Sanctuary. Thank you for assisting us in this way as we seek to take these continued safety measure during this time.

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School class on Evangelism and Children's classes

10:30 am – Worship Service

6:00 pm – Evening Worship & Prayer; Children's and youth Scripture & catechism memory
*(*We will break from our normal evening activities tonight for our picnic at the beach –see below.*)*

Men's & Women's Hebrews Bible Studies — Both the men and women are studying the book of Hebrews in our Bible studies this Spring. Please join us. All studies take place at the church in large meeting rooms, and are offered via Zoom as well. These Zoom links and all other Bible Study materials and information can be found on the "Bible Studies" page of our website which is located under the "Ministries" tab. Jump in at any time.

After School Chapel and Arts & Music Program — Each Tuesday afternoon, we offer a program for children K-5th grade in which we teach the arts from a biblical perspective. We begin with a chapel service at 3:30 pm led by our pastors who are teaching through the book of Colossians. **This weekly chapel service is open to all; we would love for you to join us!** Contact Emma Beth Fisher (efisher@htpctampa.org) with questions.

Foundations Class (New Members' Class) — We began our Foundations class this morning during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am). It is not too late to jump in if you missed. This class is structured for all of us: members, regular attenders and visitors alike and it will serve as the new members' class for those interested in joining the church. For all of us, it will lay the groundwork for how we hope to move forward in the years ahead, by God's grace. Pray that we will commit ourselves to a unified vision of church life under the authority of God's Word. *Scripture alone. God's grace alone. Faith alone. Christ alone. All to the glory of God alone.* More details can be found on our website under the "Sunday School" page under the "Ministries" tab.

Church Picnic at the Beach — Join us **TODAY, Sunday, March 7th** at Pass-a-Grille Beach to enjoy fellowship, games, and the sunset together. We'll meet at **3:30 pm** at the beach access closest to **16th Avenue and Gulf Way**. This will take the place of our regular evening activities. Bring dinner/snacks, chairs/towels for seating, and buckets/shovels for the **sandcastle contest!** Text/call (813) 504-9434 if you have any trouble finding us on the beach. Please invite others.

Installation Service for Steve Light & Outdoor Dinner Reception — This will be an evening worship service on **Sunday, March 21st** with dinner in the Courtyard to follow. More details to come in an email invitation tomorrow which will include RSVP information for the meal. If you do not receive our church emails, you are invited to join us! Please email the church office to RSVP office@htpctampa.org.

Save the Date! Church Work Day — Please mark your calendars and plan to roll up your sleeves for the first church work day we've had in a long time! There are **MANY** projects, large and small, that could use your help! We'll meet the morning of **Saturday, March 27th** to work on various building, parking lot, and landscape projects here on the church property. More details to come; many hands make light work!

O God beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael Perry, 1982

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O God Eternal, You Are My God!

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O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you. Ps. 63:1

Unison

1. O God e - ter - nal, you are my God! For
2. On ho - ly ground your glo - ry I saw; your
3. You feed my soul as if with a feast— I
4. For you have been the help of my life; you

you I long in bod - y and soul; as in a dry and
stead - fast love is bet - ter than life; I'll bless your name as
sing your praise with ju - bi - lant lips; up - on my bed I
take and keep me un - der your wing; I cling to you, and

wa - ter - less land I search, I thirst, I faint for you.
long as I live and lift my hands to you in prayer.
call you to mind and med - i - tate on you at night.
find your sup - port; O God my joy, you are my God!

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O GOD ETERNAL 9.9.9.8.
Traditional melody
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