

Christ Presbyterian Church
9:15 & 11:00 a.m., October 25, 2020

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song

Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord, we marvel that you took on flesh and blood in order to be crucified, killed, and buried for us. You humbled yourself and submitted to the hatred of sinful people to free us from sin and death forever. O Lord, we need your righteousness to cover our sinfulness. Most of us have not killed anyone, but we have hated, and continue to hate others in our hearts. Our hearts rise up to judge others, to disdain and condemn them, to dismiss them from our circle of friends, to murder the reputation of others through gossip and slander. We are capable of great hatred when we feel fearful, threatened, and disrespected. Lord, forgive our unruly, self-centered, and murderous hearts. Remove our hearts of stone, and replace them with new hearts of love for you, and for one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayer)

*Words of Assurance

All I Have is Christ

1. I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will;
And if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed; you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

3. Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,
and let my song forever be: my only boast is you. (Refrain)

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.

New Testament Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:21-26

I Will Serve

I will serve no other but the one God,
I will bow before no idol's throne;
I will pledge my heart and soul forever
To the One who is God and God alone.

Ensemble:

*Hear, O people, the God of creation
Has granted you the gift of life;
Rise, O people, as one holy nation
And put away all bitterness and strife.*

We will serve no other but the one God,
We will be bow before no idol's throne;
We will pledge our hearts and souls forever
To the One who is God and God alone.

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
And may your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

*Benediction