

Christ Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2020

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Song

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Father, you are full of grace and truth, and you have always been faithful to your Word. We confess that truth does not reign in our hearts. We are easily deceived by our impulses and desires, and we are often sinful deceivers of others. We use our tongues to sing your praises one moment, and the next we use them to lie to ourselves, to you, and to those around us. We distort truth to harshly judge others and excuse ourselves. Father, forgive us, and purify our hearts and tongues, we pray in the name of Jesus your Son, who is the way, the truth, and the life. (silent prayer)

*Words of Assurance

Lying Lips

Lying lips that falsely flatter keep the truth far out of reach.
Come, O God, and still the chatter; end their boasts and twisted speech.

With these Babel sounds oppressing, who but God can tame the tongue?
When the faithful seek God's blessing, honest words are shared and sung.

Rise, O God, and save the needy; come to heal the worn and weak.
Foil the schemes that fuel the greedy; lift the fortunes of the meek.

Save us from the wicked lawless; leave their blemished words behind.
Every word you speak is flawless: pure like silver, fire-refined.

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 Reading

Matthew 5:33-37

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.

Refrain:

*Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home. (Refrain)

Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O heed the ancient words of Christ. (Refrain)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-2; 16

Sermon

"You Shall Not Bear False Witness"

*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.

Closing Hymn

O God of Truth

O God of truth, whose living Word
upholds all that has breath,
Look down on your creation, Lord,
enslaved by sin and death.
Set up your standard, Lord, that we,
who claim a heav'nly birth,
May march with you to fight the lies
that vex this groaning earth.

Refine us, till all that remains
is your own truth and love;
Then, as the morning dew comes down,
rest on us from above.
Lord, come and try us in your fire
and ev'ry lie subdue,
Then perfect truth will dwell in us
and we will dwell with you.

Benediction