

Christ Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021

Opening Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain:

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (Refrain)

Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!” (Refrain)

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father, we confess our sinfully judgmental attitudes and absurd hypocrisy. We look on other people with disdain, and judge them obviously unable to be as smart, reasonable, pure, wise, God-fearing, or generally just as good as we are. We willfully blind ourselves to the mountain of remaining sin in our own lives while we examine with smug satisfaction the broken and sin-stained lives around us. Father, forgive us and wash away our hypocrisy. Give us more of the heart of Jesus, who looked on broken people with love and compassion. (Silent Prayer)

*Words of Assurance

Puritan Prayer

Blessed Spirit of the King, of grace and love the Author,
Work repenting deep within and bend me at your altar.
Melt my heart with majesty then show my ruined self to me;
Teach me to more clearly see your might and will to save me.

Here I place, without reserve, my soul in faith and meekness,
Trusting in Christ's power and love to flourish in my weakness.
Cause my days on earth to be, through time and through eternity,
A trophy of his victory, a monument to mercy.

Teach me to behold my God and trust his pow'r to save me,
Arms outstretched in constant love whose strength will never fail me.
Help me to commune with him, depend and follow after him,
that through my life his peace will reign and joy be my companion.

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.*

Old Testament Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

To Come and Follow You

The waters of the Jordan, the coming of a dove,
the voice of God's approval, the gentle words of love –
we see these signs of witness of what you came to do,
and so we rise in trusting to come and follow you.

From unexpected places your call of love is heard,
and we respond in courage to share your holy word.
There may be days of danger, but you will see us through,
as we obey the summons to come and follow you.

You call us from our slumber and from our lives of ease
to walk with you in service to love "the least of these."
Our past we leave behind us, your kingdom to pursue;
Lord, fill us now with power to come and follow you.

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

Sermon

"What Jesus Sees in You"

*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 Song

Lord Jesus, We Must Know You

Lord Jesus, we must know you if we would make you known,
for how can we proclaim you but by your grace alone?
We long to know your fullness, your life of risen power,
for you alone can answer the challenge of this hour.

Our broken world is seeking what only you can give;
our words may go unheeded, but not the way we live.
O Savior, live within us your life so strong, so true,
that others, touched with wonder, may seek and worship you!

Lord Jesus, by your Spirit renew your Church, we pray,
till what we are makes valid the truth of what we say.
So truly may we know you, so make your life our own,
that we become so like you our lives must make you known.

Benediction