

PENTECOST • EASTERTIDE
MAY 31, 2020
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR VISION

CPC exists to invite every person in Georgetown and every place we serve into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY | *In Christian tradition, Pentecost Sunday is called the “birthday of the church,” because on this day Jesus poured out upon the church his promised Holy Spirit, by whom his followers were empowered to carry on Christ’s redemptive work. Pentecost had been a Jewish feast that celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant at Mt. Sinai, but from that day forward, believers would celebrate the sealing of the New Covenant by the Holy Spirit and the inauguration of Christ’s Church. In part, Jesus died and rose again to give us his Spirit, assuring us until the end of the age that we share in the life and work of our Lord.*

preparing our hearts

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

– Acts 1:8 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

All: **Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:**

Leader: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;”

– Isaiah 42:5-6a ESV

All: **The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”**

– Revelation 22:17 ESV

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

** Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

– Psalm 51:10^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in heaven, forgive us for our sins.**
Soften our hearts that we would turn from our sins;
Lest we, like Pharaoh, harden ourselves against your patience
And invite trouble.
Too often have we disobeyed your holy laws
And turned away from your will.
Bend our knees in humble reliance,
For we need your Holy Spirit to abide in you.
Thank you that because of Jesus, he has been given to us,
That we might live in newness of life, conformed to Christ.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

– Romans 8:16-17^{ESV}

All: **Thanks and praise to the Risen Lamb of God!**

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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scripture reading

Leader: Acts 2:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

All: **Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

passing the peace

An elder will lead the passing of the peace.

If you are joining us from your home, everyone will be unmuted so that you can greet one another.

If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.

sermon

Series | “Exodus: From Captivity to Liberty”

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Sermon | “Conflict With Pharaoh”

May 31, 2020

Exodus 11:1-10, 12:29-32 ESV | 1 The LORD said to Moses, “Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. 2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” 3 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and in the sight of the people.

4 So Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: ‘About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, 5 and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to

the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. 6 There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. 7 But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.’ 8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, you and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. 9 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.”

10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land. God to him.

12:29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. 31 Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

1. Moses’ Urgent Plan
2. Pharaoh’s Rebellious Pattern
3. Yahweh’s Overwhelming Power

Leader: While the pandemic continues to keep us from partaking in the Lord's Supper, we rejoice that our Lord continues to be present among us and remember Christ Jesus,

All: [W]ho, though he was in the form of God,
Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
Being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
Even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
And bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.

– Philippians 2:6-11 ESV

*Please pray silently, giving thanks for Jesus, our salvation through him,
and our union with him in life forevermore.*

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Alleluia.

**** offering
& song of thanksgiving**

As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.

Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red –
Life that shall endless be.

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**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: 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.**