

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 26, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.’ *Selah*”

~ Psalm 66:1-4

- ▶ PRELUDE..... *O Worship the King*, arr. Dan Forrest
- ▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 66:1-4



► *THE HYMN OF PRAISE *O Worship the King* (HYMNAL #2)

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104
 Robert Grant, 1833
 Mod.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806
 Arr. in William Gardner's *Sacred Melodies*. 1815



▶ *THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ *THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**catholic means universal

▶ *THE DOXOLOGY*Old Hundreth*, Louis Bourgeois

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▶ THE PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ THE LORD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



► *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION *Father of Mercies, in Thy Word* (HYMNAL #144)

1. Fa - ther of mer - cies, in your Word
 2. Here may the wretch - ed sons of want
 3. Here the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice
 4. O may these heav'n - ly pa - ges be
 5. Di - vine In - struc - tor, gra - cious Lord,

what end - less glo - ry shines; for - ev - er be your
 ex - haust - less rich - es find; rich - es a - bove what
 • spreads heav'n - ly peace a - round; and life and ev - er -
 my ev - er - dear de - light; and still new beau - ties
 O be for - ev - er near; teach me to love your

name a - dored for these ce - les - tial lines.
 earth can grant and last - ing as the mind.
 • last - ing joys at - tend the bliss - ful sound.
 may I see, and still in - creas - ing light.
 sa - cred Word, and view my Sav - ior there.

Anne Steele, 1760
 Alt. 1990, mod.

BEATITUDO C.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1875



▶ THE SCRIPTURE READING..... Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

▶ THE SERMON

Simple Life: Finding Meaning When Life is Unfair, Rev. Danny Myers

▶ *THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION..... *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* (HYMNAL #128)

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding ev'ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774

DUNDEE C.M.
Scottish Psalter, 1615



▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *POSTLUDE.....*Psalm 19*, Benedetto Marcello



NEWS & EVENTS

CANCELED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

We will NOT have any in-person gatherings or worship services for the time being. We will livestream the 11 am worship service, but all other scheduled activities will be canceled/postponed until further notice.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION &

PRAYER WITH SPECIAL GUEST: During this time of separation, we are now using Zoom conferencing to host Devotion & Prayer on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. This Wednesday, we will have church planter Kevin Bidwell from Sheffield Evangelical Presbyterian Church (England) as a special guest. All meeting details and reminders for this gathering, and any in the future, will be sent by email. If you would like to be added to the list, please email info@smyrnapres.org. We'd love to have you there!

NEW MEMBER: Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Earle Harrison, to the Smyrna Pres family. He joined the church recently after a virtual session meeting and we are so glad to have him.

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH™: We're moving into week 6 of our 13-week devotional series called "Strength to Strength". The series is designed to be an avenue in which you are encouraged spiritually to drink deeply of God's truth and to be able to give generously to those around you because of your time with God. Each week, you will see links to video teachings that go along with suggested readings from two books we recommend you get. The first book, *Listen Up* by Marty Machowski, is focused on family worship in a study of the Parables of Jesus. The other one, *The Parables of Jesus* by Terry Johnson, is more of a light commentary on the Parables of Jesus to be used during personal devotion time.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Our new Administrative Assistant, Alycia Schulz, can be reached at alycia.schulz@smyrnapres.org or by phone during normal business hours. Any news or announcements for the bulletin should be sent to her by 12 noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday they should appear.



GROCERY HELP: Some of us thought there might be a need for someone to shop and deliver groceries for those who are more at risk of sickness in our church community. If you are interested in receiving this service, please call Caroline Wesley at 205-601-8818 or send her an email at caroline.n.wesley@gmail.com. She will connect you with a volunteer, so you can let them know your grocery needs. Please be prepared with cash or check to reimburse your volunteer for your groceries once they deliver them. If you are healthy and interested in volunteering to help, you can also email Caroline at caroline.n.wesley@gmail.com.

NORTON PARK & DEACONS' FUND: During this time of uncertainty, any gifts towards "Norton Park" or the "Deacons' Fund" are greatly appreciated. The Norton Park Food Pantry helps the families of students at Norton Park Elementary School who are in need. Meanwhile, the Deacons' Fund helps with the financial needs of those in our church and community. You can donate online at smyrnapres.org/giving or send your gift to the church office. Please designate your offering electronically or on your check.

