



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

In the previous song, we left with a measure of hope — the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, even when we know difficulty and struggle. Yet the challenge of our grief is that we don't progress toward healing in a straight line; rather, our grief and sorrow takes us on a roller-coaster ride. And so this fourth lament-song turns us upside down and twists us all around. That is true to real life in this world — this is an honest song, one that we can take as our own.

It is the same with Psalm 80, another communal lament that serves as our call to worship. The chorus of the psalm rephrases the Aaronic blessing — the deep longing that we have for God's smile to be upon us, for his beaming face to shine. Sometimes, we recognize that our sins cause us to fail to see God as he truly is. Yet after we confess our sin, we find that God in Christ draws us to himself again through the cross. Such is our confidence and our great hope this morning: that Christ would draw us to himself and that we might know him once again as our Redeemer and Savior.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TENTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Sanctus"

Prizeman

Elena Efthimiou, Soprano Christley Vaughn, Alto
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80

The Minister: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead us like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim shine forth. Stir up your might and come to save us!

The Congregation: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

The Minister: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

The Congregation: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

The Minister: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for your vine. Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art”

No. 349

O thou who the Shepherd of Israel art,
give ear to our pray'r and thy favor impart;
thou leader of Joseph, thou guide of his way,
'mid cherubim dwelling, thy glory display.

In Ephraim's, Manasseh's, and Benjamin's sight,
O come thou and save us; awake in thy might.

O God, give us favor, restore to thy grace;
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

From Egypt's dark border a vine thou didst take;
destroying the heathen didst room for it make.
Where planted it grew at thy sov'reign command,
with roots deeply set and boughs filling the land.

The axe hews it down; it is burned in the fire;
they perish, rebuked in thy terrible ire.

O lay then thy hand on the Man of thy might,
the Son of Man made to stand strong in thy sight.

No more shall we wander, delighting in shame;
revive us, O Lord, we will call on thy name.

O Lord God of hosts, us restore to thy grace;
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden Zart

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! Grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” — *John 12:31-32*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Thy Mercy, My God”

Emily Edwards, Flute James Brown, Guitar

Words: John Stoker

Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which
4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground, and
praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.



All praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



5 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19

The Minister: Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

The Congregation: Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.

The Minister: How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

The Congregation: First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

The Minister: How does Christ's return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?

The Congregation: In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Rutter

Elena Efthimiou, Christley Vaughn, José Velázquez, and Harrison Howle, Quartet
James A. Brown, Jr, Director

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

THE SERMON

Lamentations 4:1-22

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Helter Skelter”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Upside down (1-16)

A. People

B. Priests

2. All around (17-20)

3. Right side up (21-22)

A. A world of justice

B. A world of mercy

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

No. 528

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious unto you and give you peace. *Amen.*

THE POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur Triomphal,” Op. 47, No. 2

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IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.

IPC COVID-19 UPDATE

The church building is NOW OPEN during regular weekday hours:

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

(If you want to meet with a specific person, call beforehand to be sure they are at church and not working from home.) Please use COVID-19 safety measures when entering the building. We are working with church leadership to evaluate plans for resuming worship with the congregation present in the sanctuary. Until that time, please join us Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream. ***The IPC gym and the IPC nursery remain closed at this time.*** Watch your email and our website for updates.

COVENANTER'S CORNER BOOKSTORE

Covenanters' Corner has reopened for business.

Stop by Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., for some relaxing, soul-nourishing shopping! You won't find any paper towels or toilet paper, just great books and wonderful gifts. (We do use coronavirus precautions.)

IPC DAILY GUIDE DEVOTIONALS

Sean and Jennifer have put together a daily worship guide for individuals and families to use each week to stay grounded in the Word and grow in our faith as we face the challenging and uncertain days ahead.

To download the Daily Guide's devotionals, hymns, and prayers, go to ipcmemphis.org.

IPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCES

IPC has some great discipling materials for parents and grandparents to use with their children during this unique season being isolated at home together. From Bible stories and lessons to fun activities and music, you'll find lots of tools that will bless your time as a family hoping in the Gospel of Jesus. You can even download our Children's Bulletin to use while watching the livestream of our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday.

To access our Children's Ministry Resources page, go to ipcmemphis.org.

CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. Although in-person attendance at worship services is still suspended, the church offices are now open. Members may drop off their financial gifts at the front desk or place them in one of the boxes marked "Tithes and Offerings" in the lobby. However, we do encourage you to continue to give by one of the following ways:

Mail to:

Independent Presbyterian Church
Attention: Kerrie O'Brien
4738 Walnut Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38117

- Using our online giving link
- Using the IPC app
- Using your bank's bill pay service to send money electronically to IPC.

Questions? Please email Kerrie O'Brien, kobrien@ipcmemphis.org.

IPC COVID-19 FACE MASK MINISTRY

Please keep making masks! We've collected more than 3,000 of our 5,000 target. Our ministry partners at Neighborhood Christian Centers distribute the masks as soon as we get them from you, and they need thousands more to meet the demand.

We have several mask makers who need fabric: if you have adult t-shirts (children's t-shirts are too small) or bed sheets (curtain fabrics are typically too thick) that you can donate, please drop them at the front desk in the lobby of the church.

For details and to follow our mask count, go to ipcmemphis.org.



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