



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Last week, we saw what life was like in Paradise: God's good creation — human beings in a garden prepared just for them; God's covenant relationship established with the representative of humankind; God's callings upon human beings, creation ordinances of work and marriage. All was the way it ought to be.

But this week we see in Genesis 3 how it was all lost. Darkness descends upon God's world and especially upon humankind. We'll notice how the darkness comes, the pattern of sin that is now so commonplace to us all (James 1:13-15; 1 John 2:15-17); we'll see the result of judgment, the wrath and curse of God. But we'll also hear how God did not abandon us —even in this, the worst and most tragic chapter of the Bible, there are shafts of light that shine.

Our worship service is built around those shafts of light: even in the midst of our sin, the good news comes to us that Jesus saves sinners like us, that the Last Adam has undone all that the first Adam did. Our call to worship from Psalm 117 reminds us that God's steadfast love towards us is great. How great? So great that God made a way for us to meet him through Jesus Christ. Even though we cannot break the chains that bind us, God broke the chains through Jesus. And if we doubt this good news, God comes to us by his Spirit through the ordinary means of grace of Word, sacrament, and prayer to assure our hearts that it is all true, real, and for us. Thanks be to God that he shines light in our darkness and rescues us with great joy in believing!

## WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or one of our greeters. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

If you are age 65 or older and do not feel comfortable in the larger Sanctuary, both of our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Chapel. Additionally, the Fellowship Hall can be used for overflow and for those who prefer to sit there. The Balcony is reserved for those who may be at a higher health risk due to medications or underlying health conditions (and their families). Masks are required in the balcony.

We also livestream our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org). Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available the following week on our website.

More opportunities for teaching can be found on our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube, and search for Independent Presbyterian Church Memphis. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"How Great Thou Art"  
*Ric Browning, Trumpet*

arr. Purifoy

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

*The Minister:* Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! Let us worship him!

*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

No. 156

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

St. Theodulph

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a -  
 2. Love caused your in - car - na - tion, love brought you down to  
 3. Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est  
 4. Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, let not your souls dis -

right? Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de -  
 me; your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er -  
 gloom, who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your  
 tress; your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his

light! O kin - dle, Lord Most Ho - ly, your lamp with - in my  
 ty. O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em -  
 doom. De - spair not, he is near you, yea, stand - ing at the  
 grace. He comes, for men pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for -

breast to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 brace, in love all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!  
 door, who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.  
 giv'n, for all God's sons se - cur - ing their her - i - tage in heav'n.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Duke Street

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;  
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and holy God, we praise you as the triune God who lives in perfect unity. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the false values, priorities, and commitments of this world. We repent of our narcissistic preoccupation that has ruptured our relationship with you and others. May your Spirit convict and heal us by showing us again the cross of Jesus, which is mighty to subdue, comfort, and save us. For we pray in Jesus' name and by the power of the Holy Spirit, *Amen*.

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him." — *Psalms 103:8-13*

### THE DOXOLOGY

Duke Street

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 STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 24

*The Minister:* Why can't our good works be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of our righteousness?

*The Congregation:* Because the righteousness which can pass God's judgment must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law. But even our best works in this life are imperfect and stained with sin.

*The Minister:* How can our good works be said to merit nothing when God promises to reward them in this life and the next?

*The Congregation:* This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

*The Minister:* But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

*The Congregation:* No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ through true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

## 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

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Harrison Howle, Director*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

*Choir and Congregation:*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:  
‘Tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee. *Amen.*

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3:1-24

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said,

“I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”  
<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

<sup>23</sup>therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup>He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

# THE SERMON

“Paradise Lost”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

### 1. Downward spiral of sin (1-13)

A. Deceit

B. Desire

C. Disobedience

### 2. Declaration of judgment (14-19)

A. Defeat

B. Difficulty

C. Death

### 3. Divine grace (20-24)

A. Covering

B. Christ

# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“His Mercy Is More”

*Leah Hendrick, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin Andrew Olinger, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass*

Words and Music:  
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown  
fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is  
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is  
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is



more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more  
more.  
more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

### THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### THE BENEDICTION

### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

St. Theodulph

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;  
your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace.  
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,  
for all God's sons securing their heritage in heav'n.

### THE POSTLUDE

"Largo" from *Praeludium in G Minor*  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Buxtehude

## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Kaki and John Crews,  
and their grateful acknowledgment of His many blessings on their marriage.

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## DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Shea and Carl Fox on the death of his father,  
Carl Fox, III, on May 29.

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## IPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Summer Bible Study: *Ruth* by Kathleen B. Nielson**

Tuesdays | July 7-28 | 10:00-11:30 a.m. *or* 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For study details and online registration, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

Questions? Email Beth Clark, [bclark@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:bclark@ipcmemphis.org).

*Please note: there will be no nursery or childcare.*

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Friday and Saturday: closed

Sunday: open between services

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