



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This is the last of the lament-songs that make up Lamentations. In some ways, the themes are familiar to us now — the real pain, the stark complaints, the list of woes, the lack of answer to why. And yet, in the face of the silence that the Singer receives, he continues to cry out to God, sure that God still reigns, asking that God would restore him and his people once again.

These are good responses for us this morning. Our call to worship from Psalm 85, another communal lament, calls on God to restore us once again — to allow us to draw near to him so that we will know that all will be well and all manner of things will be well (as the fourteenth-century mystic Julian of Norwich put it). When we come near to God and confess our sins to him, he promises to satisfy us with his bread and wine so that we will never hunger or thirst again. And he sends us out into this world to love and serve in his name, showing the world not the stiff upper lip, but an assured confidence in the God who has come to us in Jesus Christ. May God grant it to be so!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Zion's Walls"

Copland

Luke Folse, Clarinet Carrington Truehart, Cello

Come, fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
come join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85

The Minister: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

The Congregation: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

The Minister: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

The Congregation: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Minister: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

No. 76

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Psalm 85

Hyfrydol



1. In times past, Lord, you showed favour
2. Love and truth have met to - geth - er;



to your own be - lov - ed land;
right - eous - ness and peace em - brace.



the pros - per - i - ty of Ja - cob
Right - eous - ness looks down from heav - en;



you re - stored by your strong hand.
from the earth springs faith - ful - ness.



You for - gave your peo - ple's tres - pass;
What is good the Lord will give us,



you were pleased their sins to hide.
and our land its fruit will bear.



You with - drew all your dis - pleas - ure;
Right - eous - ness will go be - fore him



from your wrath you turned a - side.
and his roy - al way pre - pare.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Halle Katherine Baran

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Sovereign God, we know and confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, and neglect to seek you in our daily lives. We have been timid disciples, afraid of putting our lives on the line for the good of your reign on the earth. Forgive our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities. We have sought comfort in possessions, prestige, and power. We have tried to save our lives by building our own little kingdoms. We ask your forgiveness and seek the renewal of our covenant with you. Conform us to Christ's image that we might bring you glory. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'" — *John 6:35*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Talbot

James Brown, Guitar

Quartet Only (Introduction and Interlude):

I am the Bread of Life all who eat this Bread will never die.

I am God's love revealed; I am broken that you might be healed.

“Speak, O Lord”

All Sing:

Getty and Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us
ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will
fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by
light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by
acts of love and our deeds of faith.
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the
pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20

The Minister: What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

The Congregation: First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

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

“My Wordless Prayer”

Courtney

Emma Gregory, Elaine Clowers, Luke Folsie, Harrison Howle, Quartet
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,
I can no longer voice one request or one demand,
My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry,
My lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.
Spirit come and rest your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea—
and take them far away from me.

Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine,
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.
How long will you be silent? Why do you turn away?
Spirit come and rest your ear upon my heart,
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea—
and take them far away from me.

Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine,
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

THE SERMON

Lamentations 5:1-22

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Complaining to God”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Substance

A. Woes

B. Why

2. Solution

A. Reigns

B. Restores

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“It Is Well with My Soul”

No. 691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so”—it is well with my soul.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Ville Du Havre

THE POSTLUDE

“Lauda Anima”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. W.T. Allen



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.

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE

Covenanters' Corner is open for business Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Debbie McCallen and her team are upholding all COVID-19 Phase 1 precautions for the safety of customers and staff. The bookstore is also able to take phone orders and offer curbside delivery in the church parking lot. Call with any questions, and let us know how we can assist you, 901-763-3932.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NCC MOBILE PANTRIES AT IPC

Neighborhood Christian Centers will be offering two June Mobile Pantry events in the Independent Presbyterian Church west parking lot (IPC also hosted an April Mobile Pantry), and they have requested our help distributing food to families in need on those days. On Fridays, June 12 and June 26, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., 10 to 15 IPC members will help load car trunks with packages of food as drivers pull through the line.

Volunteers will use safety protocols, including social distancing, masks, and gloves.

For more details and to sign up as a volunteer, 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 4,000 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 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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