

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

After spending most of the 2019-20 school year in the New Testament — looking at John's Epistles and Romans 8 — we will be spending the next year or so working our way through the book of Genesis. It is hard to overstate how important the first book of the Bible is to the rest of the drama of redemption. And especially because it answers questions that are fundamental to a biblical worldview: Who am I? Why am I here? What is wrong with the world? Where is this world heading? Over and over again, we will find that these questions will bring us back to who God is — the God whom we know, love, and serve is a good and gracious God.

And he made a good, good world to serve as a temple for his glory and a realm for our endeavor. As we come to the opening notes of this drama, we hear God singing the worlds into existence, laboring over his masterpiece like a craftsman who rises each day to form and fill and resting each day satisfied with his making.

Surely, it is right for us to rejoice in this good God who made this world for our good and his glory! As we are called into his presence with Psalm 104, we are stirred to praise our Father who made this world; as we confess our sins, we remember that our Father has compassion on us for he knows we are dust; as we pray to our Father, we remember that though the wrong seems oft so strong, he is the ruler yet; and as we hear from our Father in Word and sacrament, we remember that he graciously makes promises to us and keeps them. Let us praise our good and gracious God and Father this day as we know him by the very Spirit of Jesus!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Improvisation on ‘Old Hundredth’”

arr. Jordan

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104

The Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

The Congregation: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

The Minister: He set the earth on its foundations so that it should never be moved.

The Congregation: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

The Minister: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works! May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”

No. 2

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;
has ’stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

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!

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.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Dix

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eunika Faye Sylwestrowicz

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O our God, we are ashamed. We want to hide our faces from you. For our iniquities exceed the height of our head, and our trespasses reach up to the heavens. To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against you. Show us your mercy in and through Jesus Christ. Look to his wounds which plead for us. Separate our sins from us and remember that we are dust. And remake us into Christ's own image so that we might know his joy at his appearing, for we ask this in Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"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. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust." — *Psalms 103:12-14*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Lauren Griffin, Violin Mike Malone, Guitar

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
4. My God is rec - on - ciled his pard'ning voice I hear;



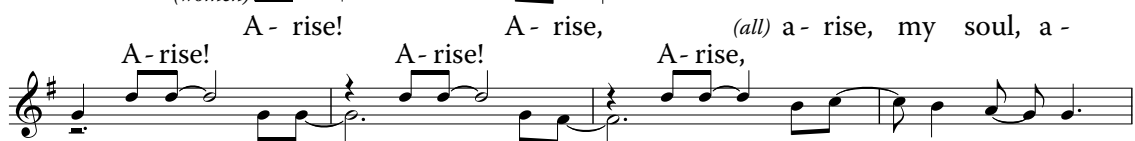
the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears;
his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
he owns me for his child, I can no long - er fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne
his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned
"For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O
with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



my Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
for ev - ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
for - give," they cry, "don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



rise. A - rise! A - rise, a - rise, my soul, a -



rise! Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21

The Minister: What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

The Congregation: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

The Minister: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

The Congregation: First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

The Minister: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

The Congregation: I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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

“Psalm 100”

Clausen

Women’s Ensemble:

*Elaine Clowers, Emma Gregory, Grace Totty,
Carolyn Vaughn, and Christley Vaughn
James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness,
come into his presence with singing, Alleluia.

Know that the Lord is God—it is he who made us, not we ourselves, Alleluia.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture, and we are his. Alleluia.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise,
give thanks to him and praise his holy name. Alleluia.

For the Lord is good, his mercy endures forever,
and his faithfulness endures, from generation to generation—from age to age.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness,
come into his presence with singing, Alleluia.

THE SERMON

Genesis 1:1-2:3

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God’s Good World”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Who created?

A. Person

B. Power

2. How created?

A. Something out of nothing

B. Forming, then filling

C. Working, then resting

3. What result?

A. Good world

B. Good God

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 111

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.

This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Crusader’s Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE POSTLUDE

“Te Deum”

Charpentier



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

The IPC Offices and Bookstore will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. When in-person attendance at worship services resumes on May 31, 2020, please place your financial gift in one of the boxes marked "Tithes and Offerings" in the Lobby or in the Narthex. In addition, the church offices are open. During the week, members may drop off their financial gifts at the front desk, place them in one of the boxes, or continue to give in one of the following ways:

- Mailing 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.

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.

THE IPC SESSION HAS VOTED TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, FOR BOTH 8:30 AND 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICES

For each worship service, we will be able to:

- Seat approximately 250 worshippers on the floor area of our Sanctuary — every other pew;
- Accommodate 150 worshippers in the Fellowship Hall;
- Seat up to 50 worshippers ages 65+ in the Chapel; and
- Seat up to 50 worshippers in the Balcony who are who are immune-compromised or who have other health concerns.

We will also Livestream both worship services through our YouTube channel.

As we seek to love and care for each other, please remember the following:

- Practice social distancing (6-8 feet apart);
- Wearing a mask is **strongly recommended**;
- For those seated in the Balcony, masks are **required**;
- Make use of the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the building, as well as hand washing and hand sanitizer receptacles located in the restrooms;
- Tithes and offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the Lobby and Narthex or given online; and
- For the present time, **we will not have Sunday School or nursery services.**

For more details, please visit ipcmemphis.org.



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