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Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

When most Christians think of Lamentations, they think of the middle verses of this third lament-song. But when we read verses 22-24 in isolation, we might miss the importance of this turn to hope. After all, this song is honest about the constant sorrow that the Singer knows as he looks around and looks within. The fight of faith is often a fight to turn our eyes to Jesus and to look at him resolutely even when our worlds shake. When we bring our sorrows and cries to him in faith, we find that he is the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief and so able to sympathize with us in our suffering.

Thanks be to God that we come to one who knows us and knows what we experience. Though he may feel distant—as the communal lament of Psalm 74 suggests—he is ready to arise and defend his cause in our lives. It is because he is the one who has made us clean, the one who is our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, that we can confess our sins, lament and sorrow, and hope in him. On this congregational Day of Prayer, let us go to our Jesus with hearts full of faith!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Brandon Rushing, Horn

Bradbury

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 74

The Minister: O God, why do you cast us off forever? Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribute of your heritage!

The Congregation: Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

The Minister: How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?

The Congregation: Yet God my King is from old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

The Minister: Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.

All: Arise, O God, defend your cause; do not forget your people as we worship you!

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lyons

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.

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!

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *Amen*.

— *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” — *1 Corinthians 1:30-31*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

No. 481

Kelly Turner, Mandolin *James Brown, Guitar*

Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922

Lemmel



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No
2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he
3. His Word shall not fail you — he prom - ised; be -



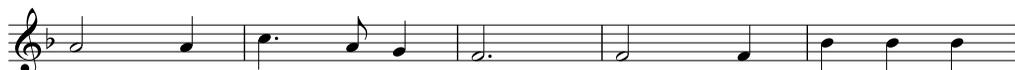
light in the dark - ness you see? There's
passed, and we fol - low him there; o - ver
lieve him and all will be well; then



light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
us sin no more hath do - min - ion — for
go to a world that is dy - ing, his



life more a - bun - dant and free.
more than con - qu'rors we are!
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his



won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow



strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18

The Minister: What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

The Congregation: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

The Minister: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

The Congregation: Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

The Minister: If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

The Congregation: Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

The Minister: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

The Congregation: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

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

“Go Not Far from Me, O God”

Zingarelli

Amy Turner, Carolyn Vaughn, Clint Early, and Tom Horner, Quartet

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age:
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise:
That I may sing thy glory and honour all the day long.

THE SERMON

Lamentations 3:1-66

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“A Man of Constant Sorrow”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. A man of sorrows (1-18)

2. A God of steadfast love (19-39)

3. A call to Savior and Judge (40-66)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

No. 246

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

Marcello

Emilee Garrett, Organ



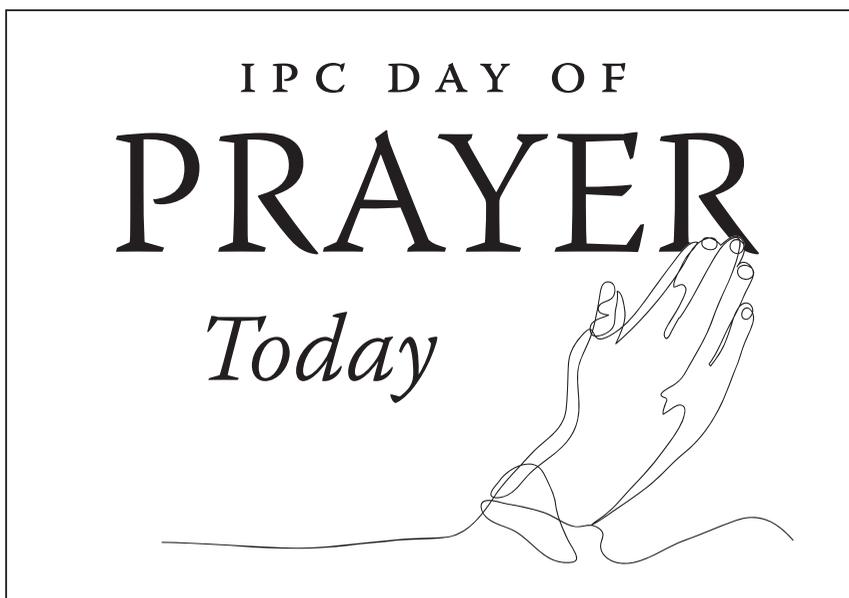
IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Joy and Chad Mains on the birth of their son,
Foster Alan Mains,
on April 20.



IPC has designated today as a Day of Prayer for the congregation.

As part of spending the day in prayer, we not only have this morning's Livestream service, **but also a Day of Prayer Guide to use throughout today, and a 6:00 p.m. Livestream service with Scripture readings, hymns, and prayers.**

Visit ipcmemphis.org to download both the Guide and tonight's worship bulletin.

CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. With the suspension of in-person attendance at worship services and the closing of the campus, members are encouraged to continue their financial gifts by mail or other options. If you normally give by check or cash during the offering, please consider mailing your gift to the church.

Mail to:

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

Other ways to give include:

- 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 2,090 masks of our 5,000 target. IPC ministry partners Neighborhood Christian Centers and Agape Child & Family Services have been distributing the masks as soon as we get them from you, and they need thousands more to meet the demand. If you can help make masks but need materials (fabric and rubber bands), please contact your team leader.

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



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