

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We continue in this narrative of beginnings by looking at Genesis 2. Here in God's Garden, we see the great love our God had for our first parents in providing everything needful for them: creation, covenant, and callings all combined to provide the boundaries for God's people in the garden. And yet, Adam and Eve weren't meant to remain in Eden; rather, they were to expand the borders of Eden until the world became Paradise.

Of course, paradise has been lost — we'll see that next week. And yet, we worship this morning because Jesus Christ, the God-man, has come to redeem and restore his people and his world. Our call to worship this morning reminds us that Jesus is our creator and our redeemer, drawing on texts from the Psalms, John, and Romans. And our Lord redeems us and sets us in the right again: Romans 5 tells us that we have been justified by faith alone and have peace with God through him. What a blessing and fellowship divine we have through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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. 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.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

arr. Held

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20; John 1:1-3

The Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

The Congregation: Ever since the creation of the world, God's invisible attributes are clearly perceived in the things that have been made — his eternal power and divine nature.

The Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made.

All: We worship you, O Creator God, who made all things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Praise the Lord!

Mr. Zach Hood, Director of College Ministry/Presbytery Intern (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

No. 81

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;
self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

O heav'nly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort and to bless!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.

We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
we will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Ash Grove

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Oliver Alexander Ransone (8:30 a.m.)

Michael Walker Jones, Jr. (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord God, we confess the many ways that we suppress your truth in unrighteousness. We know that you are a powerful God; we know that you are a holy God; we know that you are the true King of the World. And yet, we pretend that we are powerful, that we are perfect, that we are king. Forgive us, Lord, for worshipping ourselves — the idols of our own hearts — rather than you. Root out all self-worship and replace it with a whole-souled worship of you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

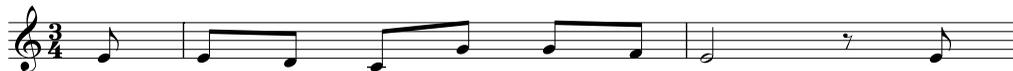
— *Romans 5:1*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

Getty and Kendrick

Abby Powell, Horn Drew Lucas, Guitar Daniel Strawser, Cello



1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
3. As *sum - mer flowers we fade and die;* *fame,*
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: my



in the strength of flesh and bone, but
win or lose, in pride or shame, but
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by, *but*
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light; but
worth and my un - wor - thi - ness, my



in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. (v. 2)
in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. (refrain)
life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. (v. 4)
I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. (refrain)
val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross. (refrain)

Refrain



I re - joice in my Re - deem - er, Great - est



Treas - ure, Well - spring of my soul.



I will trust in him, no oth - er; my soul is



sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23

The Minister: What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

The Congregation: In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

The Minister: How are you righteous before God?

The Congregation: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

The Minister: Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

The Congregation: Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith. It is because only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me righteous before God, and because I can accept this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than through faith.

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

“I Sing the Greatness of Our God”
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

arr. Bock

I sing the greatness of our God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
I sing of the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the skies obey.

I sing the greatness of our God that filled the earth with food;
He formed all creatures with his Word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I walk or look up to the sky!

There is no plant or flower below, But make thy glories known;
The clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Lord, thou art present there.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-25

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“In God’s Paradise”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Creation

A. Humans

B. Garden

2. Covenant

A. Relationship

B. Representative

3. Callings

A. Work

B. Marriage

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“At the Name of Jesus”

No. 163 (stanzas 1-4)

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
ev’ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav’nly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation’s hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

King’s Weston

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father’s glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

THE POSTLUDE

“At the Name of Jesus”

arr. Cherwien



THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
in celebration of the 36th wedding anniversary of Mary Ellen and Will Chase,
and in loving memory of their parents, Mina C. and William J. Chase,
and Mildred R. and John Q. Poindexter.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to
Tish Davis on the death of her brother,
Leslie Carlisle "Skip" Daniel, Jr.,
on May 21.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NCC MOBILE PANTRIES AT IPC

Neighborhood Christian Centers will be hosting two Mobile Pantry events in the IPC parking lot this month, and they have requested our help distributing food to families in need.

Fridays, June 12 and June 26, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., they need 10 to 15 people to 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.

*To sign up as a volunteer, go to ipcmemphis.org.
Questions? Contact Ed Norton, enorton@ipcmemphis.org.*



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