

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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Quiet your hearts and listen, God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits and God will surround you with peace.

We need to hear God's words of love and acceptance for us. Through Jesus Christ we are blessed with new life. Let us worship God.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #749 Come! Live in the Light!

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.
We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day
when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we presume to judge others and to feel superior because we do not understand the power of forgiveness. We are puffed up with our own self-importance. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness. There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to You. Help us to truly open our hearts to You. Remind us again of Your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with Your love, offering peace and hope to all. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Be at peace. Know that the only one with the right to condemn you is Christ Jesus, and he offered his own life as an atonement for your sin. The love of God and the grace of Jesus are both given freely so that you may have eternal life.

We have been forgiven and are grateful for the forgiveness and peace given to us. Amen.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Public Domain Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

^{8:1} Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by

your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Message: "Living a New Life in the Light"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn "O God Beyond All Praising" *Ecumenical Choir*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today

and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send.

at blessings without number and mercies without end;

we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,

its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;

but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—

Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:

For Christ, your gift from heaven from death has set us free,

And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still;
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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