*Welcome To Hillcrest Presbyterian Church*

*A Service For The Worship Of God*

August 20, 2017

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

**Hymn Sing (3 hymns of your choosing)**

***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Prayer Of Invocation (unison)**

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast faithfulness and in peace. In the name of Him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Hymn: "Starry Night"** Chris August

From the birds that sing

In the tallest trees

To the human life

Of you and me

From the desert sands

To the place we stand

He's God of all

He is everything

I'm giving my life to the only One

Who makes the moon reflect the sun

Every starry night

That was His design

I'm giving my life to the only Son

Who was and is and yet to come

Let the praises ring

'Cause He is everything

'Cause He is everything

From the autumn leaves

That will ride the breeze

To the faith it takes

To pray and see

From the painted sky

To my plank filled eye

He's God of all

He is everything, whoa

I'm giving my life to the only One

Who makes the moon reflect the sun

Every starry night

That was His design

I'm giving my life to the only Son

Who was and is and yet to come

Let the praises ring

'Cause He is everything

Everything

Hallelujah, hallelujah

I believe, oh, oh

Hallelujah, hallelujah

I believe

I'm giving my life to the only One

Who makes the moon reflect the sun

On that starry night

He changed my life

I'm giving it all to the only Son

Who gave me hope when I had none

So let the praises ring

I'm giving my life to the only One

Who makes the moon reflect the sun

Every starry night

It was His design

I'm giving my life to the only Son

Who was and is and yet to come

Every angel sings

That He is heavenly

So let the praises ring

'Cause He is everything

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**Call To Confession**

Leader: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Together, let us ask God to forgive our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. Rom. 12: 2 We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us into the holiness of your likeness, O God. We pray in Jesus’ name.**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen**.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

\***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. Amen.***

***Passing The Peace Of Christ***

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ*

 *The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

***People: And Also With You.***

*Leader: Let us turn and greet one another*

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn** #350 Fill My Cup

**Prayers Of The People and Lord’s Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

***Lord’s Prayer* (in unison)**

**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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,

And make this house your home;

Descend with all your gracious powers;

O come, great Spirit, come!

**Offering** (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Special Music** Scarlet Cormack

**Scripture Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Message** Pastor, Rev. Jack Cormack

**Hymn: Redeemed** Big Daddy Weave

Seems like all I could see was the struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past

Bound up in shackles of all my failures

Wondering how long is this gonna last

Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son

Stop fighting a fight it's already been won"

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life I have been called unworthy

Named by the voice of my shame and regret

But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"

I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me

'Cause his day is long dead and gone

Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same

And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be

Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be

Jesus, I'm not who I used to be

'Cause I am redeemed

Thank God, redeemed\*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response**

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.

This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

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\*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

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