

Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Churches

A Service for the Worship of God

May 24, 2019

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

Here is the Link to the online service:

<https://youtu.be/dF0ENiyi8rg>

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds
for worship with a moment of silence.

A Moment of Silence

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day (together)

**Redeeming God, you call us to be with you,
as you are one with Christ.**

**As his perfect love casts out our fear,
and changes it to love,
unite us by your Spirit of peace,
that we may be one with you
as you are one with Christ. Amen.**

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Let's Just Praise The Lord

Call to Confession

Leader: Because Jesus is our shepherd, we shall not fear but have hope eternal. Let us confess our sin to God and before one another that our souls may be restored.

Prayer of Confession (together) - Lord, you pray that your followers will be one as you and your Father are one, and yet we divide into factions, demonize those with whom we disagree and fail to show the world we are yours through our love of one another. We are to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, revealing your mercy and enacting your

compassion. Instead we keep silent when we should speak and speak when we ought to remain silent. Forgive us for our failure to take risks for your sake. Grant us your grace and embolden us to share it, forgiving others as we have been forgiven. (silent prayer) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Because of the love Jesus, our Great Shepherd, our sins are forgiven and we have been brought back into the fold.

**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.

Children's Time - Scarlet Cormack

Anthem: Jennifer McCullough

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Let us unite our hearts in prayer saying,

Leader: Lord in you mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

God of all creation you call us to prayer,
we lift up the church and the world,
fill us with your Spirit's power,
that we may be one with Christ as Christ is one with you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift up those who are homeless and orphaned.
Guide them to a place of protection. Keep them close to you always.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We continue to lift up the leaders of at all levels of authority.
They have a particularly difficult time as they seek to lead in times of uncertainty. Guide them with your wisdom that transcends politics and personal agendas.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We join as one to give thanks for all of those working to keep our community safe.

We give thanks to emergence first responder and health care workers. Guard and protect them, and may they know your presence that they may experience your peace.

We pray all of these things both spoken and left unspoken, in the name of Jesus' Christ who taught us to pray

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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*

Scripture

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Jack Cormack

Where Have You Seen God?

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

Here is a secure link if you would like to give electronically. Or if you would prefer, please feel free to mail your offering to the church, 818 E. Norton Road, 65803

Offertory

Click Here: <https://hillcrestpresbyterian.square.site>

Doxology - Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction & Charge

***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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