



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

*HYMN

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Anne Steele, Matthew Merker

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise,
On thee when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh, when gloomy doubts prevail I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain.
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer.
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope, attend thy will and wait beneath thy feet.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22–32

Wyatt Hardiman
page 724, pew Bible

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, we all share a deep need, for we are lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance, and forgive all our wrongdoing. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, loving and serving one another through the abundant grace poured out for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's law

*HYMNS OF PREPARATION

“Lord I Need You”

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson,
Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest.
And without you I fall apart; you're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you.*

Where sin runs deep your grace is more, where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

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“His Forever”

Pat Sczebel

Jesus, friend of sinners, loved me ere I knew him.
Drew me with his cords of love, tightly bound me to him.
'Round my heart still closely twined, the ties that none can sever.
For I am his and he is mine, forever and forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, a crown of thorns you wore for me.
Bruised for my transgressions, pierced for my iniquities.
The wrath of God that I deserved was poured out on the Innocent.
He took my place, my soul to save. Now I am his forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, I love to tell the story.
Redeeming love has been my theme, and will be when in glory.
Not death, or life, nor anything can ever separate me.
O love that will not let me go. Yes, I am his forever.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:23–31

page 846, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Asking God's spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his word

SERMON

“Who Can Be Saved?”
40th in a series on the Gospel of Mark

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore”

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall his love is sure,
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am his forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted: Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war,
And he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk,
For there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now O my soul, for his love is my reward;
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*DECLARATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Benediction”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God, our heav’nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

May the peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion make us one in spirit and in heart.

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***BENEDICTION**

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing as able*

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask when taking communion.

If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

Hearing enhancement units are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those in our congregation facing difficult circumstances.

Contact an individual deacon directly or call the deacons' phone line at 301-320-3600, x223.

To listen to a recording of the morning worship service, contact sundayservice@4thpres.org.

We warmly welcome children of all ages in our worship service this evening.

Childcare is available for young children, ages infant through Pre-K, in Room 110.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Think for Peace Sake"

Philippians 4:8-9

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Life Under the Cross"

Mark 10:32-45

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,942,614

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