

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~
Sunday, October 18, 2020, 9:30 AM

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42*

Welcome

Prelude

Christopher Enloe

Call to Worship

Psalm 98

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has
done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have
worked salvation for him.

**People: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed
his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to
the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break
forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to
the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful
noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that
fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**People: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy
together; and let the people of God say amen, and praise his
holy name.**

Prayer of Invocation

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
- 6 The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

We will not be passing an offering plate. Please present your tithes and offerings to the Lord by mailing them to:

Valley Presbyterian Church,
10807 Falls Road, P.O. Box 285,
Brooklandville, MD 21022

Or by giving online at <https://valleypca.org/giving/>

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you tell us in your word that he who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. We seek mercy this day, most gracious and loving Father, for we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by our own fault. Forgive us for our offenses against you in the mighty name of our blessed savior Jesus Christ. [Silent Confession] Amen!

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture Reading

Acts 24

Sermon

An Inconvenient Truth

Pastor Mark Tippin

Prayer Requests for this Week

Spend time praying for the needs in our congregation and world:

- Harrison, healing of his broken arm.
- Edie, upcoming knee surgery. Pray for anxiety to diminish and wisdom and skill for the doctors.
- Madeline, praise for good results from her brain MRI.
- Gerald and Eileen, health issues.
- Sharon, surgery recovery and ongoing health issues.
- Youth Group, for spiritual growth and for Nathan as he leads.
- Vision Team, for wisdom.
- Those in our community who are lost and need to know the risen Savior.
- Pray for healing of the racial tensions and anger in our society.

- The spiritual and financial needs of our sister congregations.
- People who are suffering or have relatives or friends suffering.
- Medical providers and first responders who are dealing with long hours, difficult situations, and risk to themselves.
- People who are now unable to work or are suffering from fear and anxiety during these times. Pray that God would provide.
- The elderly and those who live alone.
- That God would provide for His church.

Families of the Week:

Mr. Harold

Mr. and Mrs. George & Diane

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
 For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen!

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

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- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Please join us this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM as we continue our Bible study series on the book of Philippians over Zoom. You can join through your computer or smart phone, or you can dial in with a regular phone.