

# MCLEAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Service of Divine Worship

January 17, 2010

9:15AM and 11:00AM

### Leading in worship this morning:

(9:15) *The Reverend James W. Forsyth, Assistant Pastor*

(11:00) *The Reverend Dr. Marlin C. Hardman, Associate Pastor*

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility. —Augustine

I am a servant of the King and my purpose is to make Him famous. —Edward T. Welch

The church is: a conspiracy of love for a dying world, a spy mission into enemy occupied territory ruled by the powers of evil; a prophet from God with the greatest news the world has ever heard, the most life changing and most revolutionary institution that has existed on earth. —Peter Kreeft

### The Prelude\*\*\*

### The Welcome and Mission of MPC\*\*\*

### The Preparation for Worship

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1, 4

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

### The Song of Praise\*\*\*

### *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Hymnal No. 101

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Anon.; Music by Felice de Giardini

### The Invocation

*We call upon God to meet with us.*

- We ask **ALL** attending to complete the **Keeping Connected** card—members, regular attenders and newcomers.
- **Nursery**—Parents are encouraged to use childcare, which is provided during each service for infants through 24 months. Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend **Children's Church** during the sermon.
- As a courtesy to all worshipping this morning, please set **cellular phones** and **paggers** to **"silent" mode**.
- **Large-print bulletins** are available from an usher or at the table located in the narthex.

## The Song of Adoration

### *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow—blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness—blessed be your name.

**Chorus: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name."  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."**

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be"—blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering—blessed be your name. **Chorus**

You give and take away; you give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."  
You give and take away; you give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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## The Confession of Sin

*Believers acknowledge their need for renewal  
and unbelievers their need for the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. As we consider our own thoughts and actions, we seek your forgiveness. We often have a frivolous attitude toward life, are callous toward suffering, and are envious of those who have more than we have. It is our nature to be obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure. We are indifferent to the treasures of heaven. We neglect your wise and gracious law, thinking it is for our misery, not our good.

Help us to change our way of life. Through your Spirit, may we desire what is good, love what you love, and experience the peace you give us through Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

## The Silent Confession of Sin

## The Song of Assurance

### *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past; safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Greg Thompson © 2000 Greg Thompson Music

## The Assurance of Pardon

*We are reminded of the promises of God in Christ.*

Psalm 65:2-5

Leader: O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

**People: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.**

Leader: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.

**All: You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

## The Giving of the Peace\*\*\*

*"The peace of Christ be with you..."*

Leader: Therefore, having received peace from God through Jesus Christ, let us extend his peace to one another.  
May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

*A time to give thanksgiving to God, to bring our needs to him,  
and to ask for his blessing on our tithes and offerings.*

**The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

*We give back to God a portion of what is already his.  
Those not from our church family should feel no obligation to give.*

**The Offertory**

***Praise the Lord***

*Chancel Choir*

D. Fischer

Praise the Lord! Rise up each morning singing, "Praise the Lord!"  
Then, in the evening, count the blessings that he gives,  
To all who believe in him and join in singing, "Praise the Lord!"  
We will sing praises all the days of our lives, praise the Lord.

We will give thanks to the Father for all the things that he's done.  
Shedding his light on the whole world through Jesus his Son!  
Praise him with organ and cymbal, praise him with trumpet and harp.  
Praise him each day with your singing, everyone join from the heart.

Praise him for sweet little children, praise him for beauty we see.  
Praise him all day without ceasing, praise him for blessings received.  
Praise him for his loving kindness, praise him for patience and strength.  
Praise him for Jesus our Savior, praise him for life and give thanks.

**The Scripture Reading**

*We hear the very words of God.*

Acts 20: 13-32

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*(Pew Bible, p.929)*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*During the following song, children are dismissed for Children's Church  
which meets in "My Father's Place" (Room 12).*

**The Song of Preparation**

***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Song of Sending

*Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*

Hymnal No. 12

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,  
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.  
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name;  
His people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.

I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great;  
The Lord performs what he decrees, in heaven and earth, in depths and seas.  
He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end;  
The lightnings flash at his command; he holds the tempest in his hand.

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,  
Who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.  
Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim;  
In Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.  
Words from Psalm 135:1-7, 21 from The Psalter, 1912; Music from Franz Joseph Haydn, The Creation, 1798; arr.

The Benediction

The Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to be God's representatives to a broken world.

People: **We go, rejoicing in the love of Jesus our Savior.**

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

The Postlude

\*\*\* Indicates ushers may seat at these times

*Next Lord's Day:*

*Text:* Ephesians 1: 3-14

*Sermon:* CHOSEN TO LOVE  
III. THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE

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*"THY KINGDOM COME . . ."*  
*MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE*