

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God--10:30 a.m. on April 19th, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—Lamentations 3:22-25

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN—#12 (v.1,3)—Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim
Lyrics from The Psalter, 1912
Music by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1798

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.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Heidelberg Catechism Question 1
Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own but belong
body and soul to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all
my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the
devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from
my head without the will of my heavenly Father. In fact, all things must
work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His
Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for Him.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 133

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING—Philippians 1:18b-30

SERMON—For Christ Above All Else

PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN—#302 (v.1,3)—Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Lyrics by Christian H. Bateman, 1843
Music arranged by David Evans, 1927

Come, Christians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Praise yet our Christ again, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!"

BENEDICTION

Philippians 1:18b-30
For Christ Above All Else

Introduction:

Though as Christians we may face much opposition and deprivation in life, stand united in Christ because our salvation is secure in God.

I. The context for rejoicing v.18b-20

II. Christ will be honored v.20

III. Christ's honor should be our purpose v.21-23

IV. Live for the benefit of others v.24-26

V. Press on in the life Christ has for us v.27-30