



Covenant Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY ~February 23, 2020



Pastor's Welcome Prelude

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.
Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your blood-stained brow.

*This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life "Finished!" the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1-2

*Hymn of Praise

"Come People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call ~
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

*Affirmation of Faith

Belgic Confession, Question #26D

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe about the intercession of Christ?*
People: We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor, "Jesus Christ the righteous." To encourage us more to approach him he says, "Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tempted, as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace, to help in time of need." The same apostle says that we "have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus." "Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith."

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

*Hymn of Confession

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.
Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So, put Your hope in God alone. Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.
Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
The all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.*

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace, everything that prevents us from taking delight in You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:5

Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:13-2:3

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 3:9-10

Offertory Hymn

"The Power of the Cross"

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:68

Sermon

Zechariah 13:2-6

"Washed Whiter Than Snow"

Rev. Cory D. Colravay

*Hymn of Response

"O Great God"

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

*Benediction

II Thessalonians 3:3

*Hymn of Benediction

"I Sing Praises" (C5)

*Postlude