

Exeter Presbyterian Church

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

April 18, 2021

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 103:1-2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

***OPENING HYMN: (#103E) O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord**

1 O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me, bless his holy name; bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.	2 Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love; rich is his grace to all who humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above. [Refrain]	4 We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear; but evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear. [Refrain]
Refrain: Bless him, ye angels, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants, who in his will delight.	3 His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame. [Refrain]	5 High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (#572)

THE LAW OF GOD – The Eighth Commandment – Stealing

CONFESSION OF SIN [Composed by PCA Minister, Rev. Jeffrey White]

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when You came to redeem us You humbled Yourself and made Yourself nothing. Though You were rich, for our sakes You became poor, so that through Your poverty we might become rich. We confess how unlike You we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except for when it serves our own purposes. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of Your Spirit so that we become more like You and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON [Isaiah 1:18]

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 page 555

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:18-26 page 814

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:1-12 page 980

***SERMON TEXT:** Isaiah 45 page 605

SERMON: *The LORD's Anointed*

PREACHING: Pastor Steve Magee

***RESPONSE HYMN: (#233) O Father, You Are Sovereign**

1 O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken, and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.	2 O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.	3 O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could, your love pursues its purpose-- our souls' eternal good.	4 O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's ev'ry knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us, our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!
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***CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER – Jim Gangi

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN: (#538) Take My Life, and Let It Be**

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.	3 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.	5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.	4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.	6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

***BENEDICTION**

*** Congregation standing as able**

Pastor: Steve Magee, **Leading Worship Today:** Stephen Leavitt

Elders: Doug Camp, John Coskery, Dave Herrod, Stephen Leavitt, Skip Phelps,

Deacons: Steve Hamilton, Bruce Henderson, Michael Huizenga, Steve Rohrdanz, John Warena

Pianist: Laura Picciano

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