

Exeter Presbyterian Church

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

Psalm 118:24

April 25, 2021

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 30:4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

***OPENING HYMN: (#230) Holy, Holy, Holy!**

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!	2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.	3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.	4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
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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 Ninth Commandment – Truth

CONFESSION OF SIN [Based upon Romans 3]

Our great and glorious God, You who know and judge the secrets of every human heart; We do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence, and have reaped the misery of turning away from You, the very Author of life. None of us is righteous, no not one; None of us has understanding, none of us seeks God; Our throats are opened graves; we use our tongues to deceive; Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness; Our feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known; There is no fear of God before our eyes. We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ Your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake; That you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience; That where our sin has increased, Your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON [Isaiah 55:7] Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 page 555

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:27-31 page 814

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:12-30 page 980

***SERMON TEXT:** Isaiah 46 page 607

SERMON: *Salvation in Zion*

PREACHING: Pastor Steve Magee

***RESPONSE HYMN: (#231) Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right**

1 Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abide; I will be still, whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall: wherefore to him I leave it all.	2 Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me; he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me. I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.	3 Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking, may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.	4 Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken; though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.
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***CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN: (#488) May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**

1 May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.	2 May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.	3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.	4 May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.	5 May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.	6 May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.
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***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 Warend

Pianist: Laura Picciano

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