

Exeter Presbyterian Church

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

Psalm 118:24

May 16, 2021

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 29:1-2 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

***OPENING HYMN: (#156) Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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 1st Great Commandment [Mt 22:37]

CONFESSION OF SIN [Adapted from Calvin's Form of Church Prayers]

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON [Psalm 32:1]

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 7:14-29 page 556

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:1-4 page 814

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3 page 981

***SERMON TEXT:** Isaiah 49 page 609

SERMON: *Sing for Joy!*

PREACHING: Pastor Steve Magee

*RESPONSE HYMN: (#196) At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*CLOSING HYMN: (#338) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.	2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.	3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?	4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
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*BENEDICTION

* Congregation standing as able

Pastor: Steve Magee, **Leading Worship Today:** Doug Camp

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