

Exeter Presbyterian Church

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

Psalm 118:24

June 6, 2021

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 145:10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

***OPENING HYMN:** (#181) Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven--
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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 – First Commandment – No Other Gods

CONFESSION OF SIN [Adapted from CRC Book of Praise]

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death, that we are unclean before you and children of wrath. We continually transgress your commandments, failing to do what you have commanded, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon you, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Cover us with his innocence and righteousness, for the glory of your name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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 9:1-10 page 557

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:21-25 page 815

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1:15-29 page 983

***SERMON TEXT:** Isaiah 52:1-12 page 613

SERMON: *Follow the Leader*

PREACHING: Pastor Steve Magee

***RESPONSE HYMN: (#291) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.	3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.	5 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.	7 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n; by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.	4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.	6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.	

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN: (#287) Lift High the Cross**

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, brethen, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. [Refrain]

4 Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]

5 For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

*** Congregation standing as able**

Pastor: Steve Magee, **Leading Worship Today:** Dave Herrod
Elders: Doug Camp, John Coskery, Dave Herrod, Stephen Leavitt, Skip Phelps (emeritus)
Deacons: Steve Rohrdanz, John Warendt, Steve Hamilton,
Bruce Henderson, Michael Huizenga
Pianist: Laura Picciano

EXETER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)
Nourishing the Soul in the Hope of the Resurrection
(603) 772-7479 www.exeterpca.org