

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

————— SAN FRANCISCO —————

April 19, 2020

*Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end!  
Amen, amen*

## Call to Worship

Why do we praise Christ this morning? Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God

**The firstborn of all creation**

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible

**Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**

All things were created through Him and for Him

**And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together**

And He is the head of the body, the church

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead**

That in everything He might be preeminent

**For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**

And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,

**Making peace by the blood of His cross.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to God.**

PSALM 30

A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

I will exalt You, I AM

**For You drew me up**

**And You did not let my foes rejoice over me**

My God, the I AM, I cried to You for help

**And You healed me.**

**I AM, You brought my soul up from death**

You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit

Sing praises to the I AM, you His saints!

**Give thanks to His holy name!**

For His anger is but for a moment

**But His favor is for a lifetime**

Weeping may tarry for the night

**But joy comes with the morning**

*Psalm 30, continued*

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I will never be moved.”  
By Your favor, I AM, You made my mountain stand strong -  
**You hid Your face – then I was dismayed**  
To You, I AM, I cry out  
And to the Lord I plead for mercy  
**“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?**  
Will the dust praise You?  
**Will it tell of Your faithfulness?**  
Hear, I AM, and be merciful to me!  
**I AM be my helper!”**  
You turned my mourning into dancing for me  
**You took off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness**  
That my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.  
**My God, the I AM**  
**I will give thanks to You forever!**

## **Invocation**

### **My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less**

*My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name*

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil*

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay*

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,*

*o may I then in him be found*

*Dressed in his righteousness alone,*

*faultless to stand before the throne*

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;*

*all other ground is sinking sand*

*All other ground is sinking sand*

## **How Deep The Father's Love for Us**

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son,  
to make a wretch His treasure*

*How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,  
bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
call out among the scoffers.*

*It was my sin that held Him there,  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.*

*Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart;  
His wounds have paid my Ransom.*

## **Because He Lives**

*I believe in the Son*

*I believe in the risen One*

*I believe I overcome*

*By the power of His blood*

*Amen, Amen*

*I'm alive, I'm alive*

*Because He lives*

*Amen, Amen*

*Let my song join the one that never ends*

*Because He lives*

*I was dead in the grave*

*I was covered in sin and shame*

*I heard mercy call my name*

*He rolled the stone away*

*Amen, Amen*

*I'm alive, I'm alive*

*Because He lives*

*Amen, Amen*

*Let my song join the one that never ends*

*Because He lives*

*I can face tomorrow*

*Because He lives*

*Every fear is gone*

*I know He holds*

*My life my future in His hands*

*Amen, Amen*

*I'm alive, I'm alive*

*Because He lives*

*Amen, Amen*

*Let my song join the one that never ends*

*Because He lives*

## **Confession**

*(we approach God, repenting from sin)*

Heidelberg catechism, questions 16-18

Question 16. Why must a substitute for us be fully human, and also perfectly righteous?

**Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature that sinned, should also make satisfaction for sin; and one, who is themselves a sinner, cannot satisfy justice for other people.**

Question 17. Why must a substitute also be fully God?

**That He might, by the power of His Godhead sustain in His human nature, the burden of God's wrath; and might obtain for us, and restore to us, righteousness and life.**

Question 18. Who then is that Mediator and substitute, who in one person is both fully God and a real righteous man?

**Our Lord Jesus Christ: "who God made for us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."**

Proverbs 3:5-12

Trust in the I AM with all of your heart

**And do not trust in your own understanding**

In all of Your ways acknowledge Him

**And He will make your paths straight**

Do not be wise in your own estimation

**Fear the I AM and turn away from evil**

It will be healing to your body

**And refreshment to your very bones**

Honor the I AM with your wealth

**With the first fruits of everything you make**

Then your barns will overflow

**And your wine will burst from its barrels**

My son do not resent the I AM's discipline

**And do not be tired of His rebuke**

Because the I AM reproves those He loves

**Like a father does when he delights in his son**

**Dear Father,**

**Teach us to trust You with all of our heart! Forgive us for looking for our own paths, or trusting in our minds, or thinking we're so clever. Teach us to fear You, to worship You, and to honor You with our wealth and gifts. We want the blessing, the healing and the refreshment of obeying You. Take away the love of sinning and turn our hearts to You. Fill us with the delight of the Holy Spirit we pray. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

*Silence*

## **Absolution**

Adapted from Ezekiel 26:25ff

What does Christ promise us in Ezekiel?

I will sprinkle clean water on you

**We will be clean from all our filthiness**

I will wash you from all your idols

**We will get a new heart**

I will put a new spirit inside you

**We will get rid of our stony hearts**

I will give you a heart of flesh

**We will have Your Spirit inside us**

I will cause you to walk in My commands

**We will keep Your laws and do them**

You will be My people, and I will be your God

**You will save us from all our sin!**

## **Offering**

*(we give thankfully, acknowledging that everything belongs to our God)*

*www.firstpresbyteriansf.org/give*

## **Song of Assurance**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*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!*

*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 ever more shall be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful flesh Thy glory may not  
see,  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*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.*

Let us bless the Lord!

**Praise Him with highest praise!**

What sort of church are we seeking to God to make us? Acts 2:42-45

**And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**

## **Prayer**

*(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)*

Please feel free to unmute your microphone and ask for prayer at this time.

Those with unspoken prayer requests should use the Zoom chat or text Natalie at (415) 496-6156. Please share all other prayer requests by unmuting.

## **Prayer**

*(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)*

**Our Father, Who is in heaven,**

**Holy is Your Name!**

**May Your kingdom come and Your will be done,**

**On earth as it is in heaven,**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,**

**Lead us out of temptation**

**Deliver us from the evil one**

**For Yours is the kingdom**

**The power, and**

**The glory forever**

**In Jesus' Name, amen.**

## **Sermon**

*(we hear from God)*

### *Jonah 4*

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

*Jonah 4, continued*

5 Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” 9 But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” 10 And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# RENAISSANCE

*(movement 4)*

## **Communion**

Let's proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

**Praise Him!**

**The Apostle's Creed** *(an ancient common affirmation of belief)*

What do you believe?

**We believe in God the Father Almighty**

**Maker of heaven and earth**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**Born of the virgin Mary**

**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 shall come to judge the living and the dead**

**We 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.**

## **Response / Sending**

### **Rock of Ages**

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill Thy laws demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in Thee.*

## **Benediction**

*(we receive a blessing)*

## **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise Him all creatures here below*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

*Amen*

## **Announcements**

### **Bible Studies**

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Chris & Thao

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Cory & Natalie

### **Prayer Meetings**

Wednesdays, 8 am

Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Fridays, 8 am

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Saturdays, 9:30 am

Women's Prayer Meeting

To attend any of the above:

**[www.firstpresbyteriansf.org/live](http://www.firstpresbyteriansf.org/live)**

## **Worship for the rest of the week**

The Lord's day is the start of the week where we are refreshed spiritually and renewed in our faith and ought to set the pace for the rest of the week.

These are readings that complement the teaching today:

Monday – Genesis 12

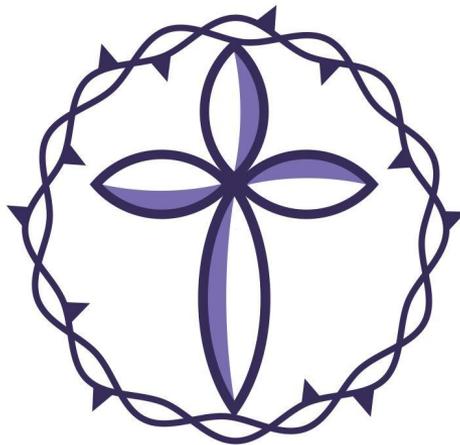
Tuesday – Acts 9

Wednesday – Judges 6

Thursday – 2 Timothy 4

Friday – Jeremiah 1

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 4



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