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July 17, 2016



WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

We gather today to worship the One who never spoke anything untrue. He once stood before a judge, faced with false witnesses who were hired to testify against Him. He died because two witnesses broke the ninth commandment and betrayed innocent, royal blood. That blood was shed to save us from all the ways and times that we have twisted and exaggerated the truth, when we have spoken partial truths and little white lies, and when we have not kept our promises. We have been rescued and redeemed from all the ways that we have trampled on other people's dignity and good reputation by the One who called Himself "The Truth" and "The Faithful Witness."

"The denial that truth exists is a good beginning for habitual lying. And if we start confessing our habitual lies, shall we ever be done? There are lies of gossip which make haters out of us, there are lies of advertising that make money out of us, there are lies of politicians which make power out of us. The point here is that every lie demeans and tramples on another person's dignity." — Joy Davidman

THE GOD OF TRUTH LOVES WORSHIPING SAINTS

PIANO PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" arr. Craig Curry
"There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Craig Curry

Gabriel C. Statom, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

✦GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 26:59-64. Shelley Hill (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.

**But they did not find any,
though many false witnesses came forward.**

Finally two came forward and declared, "This fellow said,
'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'

**Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus,
"Are you not going to answer?
What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"**

But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him,
"I charge you under oath by the living God:
Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"Yes, it is as you say,"

Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you:

**In the future you will see the Son of Man
sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One
and coming on the clouds of heaven."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE GOD OF TRUTH LOVES REPENTANT SINNERS

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You shall not bear false witness.

Where have I spoken untrue words that have harmed someone either in their presence or their absence?

Have I walked with integrity, keeping my promises, seeking actively the good of others, speaking truth in love and pursuing a lifestyle of radical honesty?

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON John 8:31-32; Galatians 5:1

If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 691 "It Is Well with My Soul"VILLE DU HAVRE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS L. Brett Wynne

Today, we are collecting a special offering for the Caring Ministry Fund. This fund assists those in need among our members and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please use the special envelope in the pew rack or mark your check "for Caring Ministry."

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "I'll Fly Away" Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, (fly away), O Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.
When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.
Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

*Men's Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEST. ANNE

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

THE GOD OF TRUTH LOVES TRUTH SPEAKERS

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Emilie Ball, Michelle Bellican, Rachel Cain, Alex Chinn, Sara Ewel, Anna Hart Hazard, Lindsey Hearon, Madeline Hernandez, Lizzy and Rob Langley, Samantha and Carson Murphy, Jessica and David Speer, Erica Tsai, Callie Wesson, Clayton Williams

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON. Exodus 20:1-2, 16
(page 61 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *The Ten Commandments: No Lying* Michael C. Davis

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF TRUTH: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" African American Spiritual

Refrain

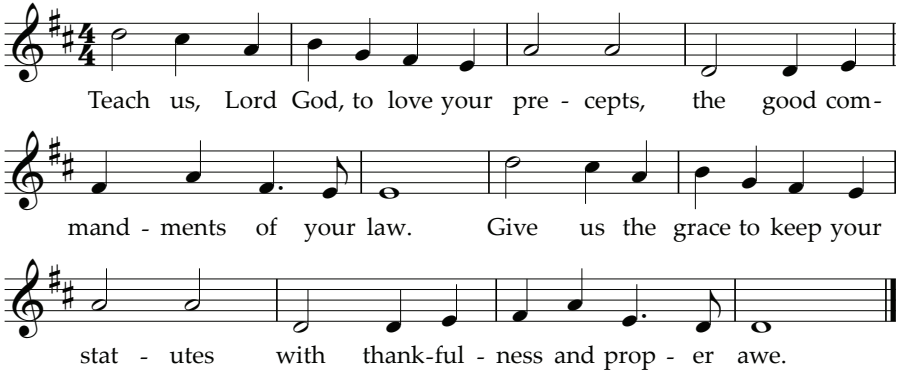
There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2. Don't e - ver feel dis - cour-aged for Je - sus is your friend;
but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
and if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

♠BENEDICTION

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SPIRITUS VITAE



Teach us, Lord God, to love your pre - cepts, the good com -
mand - ments of your law. Give us the grace to keep your
stat - utes with thank - ful - ness and prop - er awe.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "To God Be the Glory" . . TO GOD BE THE GLORY

♠ *Indicates congregation standing*

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