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May 5, 2019
Season of Eastertide

Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Preparation for Worship
As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our hymn of preparation, “Rock of Ages,” was written by Augustus Toplady and has traditionally been one of the favorite of hymns of the Church.

Toplady was born in England in 1740. His father was a Royal Marine and died on duty soon after his son’s birth, leaving the boy to be raised by his mother. Toplady had an interest in religion during his younger years, however, it wasn’t until his fifteenth year, while attending a Methodist revival in an Irish barn, that he felt “brought nigh to God.” It was at this point that he determined to go into ministry.

Having been converted under Methodism, Toplady initially aimed to become a Methodist minister. This changed, however, when he began to study the 39 Articles of the Church of England. It was then that he became convinced of the Calvinistic perspective and became a minister in the Church of England.

Toplady was a man of many flaws, but God was pleased to use him to write a hymn that would so powerfully communicate the gospel and encourage the saints. This hymn emphasizes human helplessness in the face of sin and our total reliance on God’s mercy for forgiveness. As helpless beneficiaries of God’s grace, let us praise Him together!

Praise Jesus, the Risen King

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Thine Be the Glory”.................Alexandre Guilmant
“Sanctify Us By Thy Goodness” ......... J.S. Bach; arr. Metzger

Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ..................................................Brett Wynne

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 286 “Worship Christ, the Risen King!” .......REGENT SQUARE

Words: Jack Hayford / Music: Henry Smart, arr. Metzger / Matthew 28:6

INVOcation (Please lift hands)

STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 8 ....... Ethan Knight (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

How does God carry out His decrees?

God carries out His decrees in creation and providence.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Alleluia! Alleluia!” ....... Ludwig van Beethoven

Words: Christopher Woodsworth / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven / I Corinthians 15:20

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.
THANK JESUS, OUR STEADFAST SAVIOR

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God and Father of all who trust in You, we are Your redeemed people, yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours. We are Your loved people, yet we spurn You by our desires for other loves. You call us to obedience, yet we question You and Your ways. Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness for the travesty of our rebellion against You. Cleanse us with the blood of Your Son, which was shed for us. Show us how to build our lives on the only sure foundation, Jesus Christ our faithful Savior.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSUARANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Romans 4:25-5:1

(Jesus) was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Tom Fettke

Words: Linda Lee Johnson / Music: Tom Fettke / Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor; And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name Transcends the earth and fills the heavens, O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

DOXOLOGY. OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Brandon Terry

GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15). Jarrod Hoffman
INVOCATION

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Ludwig van Beethoven

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Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

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Cleanse us with the blood of your Son, which was shed for us.

Praise God for... words. Who are you? We are your redeemed people.

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O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name.

Words: Augustus Toplady / Music: James Ward / I Corinthians 10:4

"The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

No. 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" 

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Words: Augustus Toplady / Music: James Ward / I Corinthians 10:4

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:16-4:9

(page 46 in the pew Bible)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "By Faith"

Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend / Psalm 145:4, 13, 21

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove his pow'r of his promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by longed-for Messiah would appear with the pow'r to break the chains of pow'r of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to pow'r of the gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are faith-ful ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

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possible for all who call upon his name.

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(Please lift hands)

Refrain

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

─BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

─CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” . . . . . . Diane Bish

†Indicates congregation standing

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I. Promise (15-20)

II. Fulfillment (4:1-9)