

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dallas, Texas April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 26, 2020 9:30 a.m.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome The Rev. Paul Goebel

Prelude "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German
Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Call to Worship

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with

gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

All: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we

are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give

thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and

His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

Hymn "He's Always Been Faithful/ Groves/Chisholm/Runyan

Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Mark Delavan, baritone

(originally recorded in our services on April 14, 2019)

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine. Season by season I watch Him, amazed in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways.

All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain He did not recycle to bring me gain. I can't remember one single regret in serving God only, and trusting His hand. All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

Congregation:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

This is my anthem. This is my song.
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long.
God has been faithful. He will be again.
His loving compassion, it knows no end.
All I have need of His hand will provide.
He's always been faithful to me.

Prayer of Adoration

Profession of Faith

The Rev. Mark Davis

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time.

Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15.3-6a, 7

Musical Meditation

tion "Breathe on Me" arr. Kurt Kaiser Christopher Adkins, cello • Stephen Nielson, piano (originally recorded in our services on October 15, 2017)

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Davis

Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not always bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the Church, His Body, Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15.54b-57

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer of Intercession

Musical Meditation "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir, High School Ensemble, Covenant Choir
Stephen Nielson, piano • Lynda Fray and J. Marty Cope, directors
(originally recorded in our services on April 30, 2017)

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia!

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face; Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known. Alleluia!

Based on Job 19.25-26 and 1 Corinthians 13.12, this piece was written in memory of Janna Elizabeth Miller who died in a tragic accident at the age of nine.

The Scripture Reading

John 20.19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

The Sermon

"This Changes Everything"

Mr. Goebel

Closing Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

EBENEZER

(originally recorded in our services on April 22, 2018)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled. Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield: Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave, Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

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.

The Benediction

Minister: Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and You again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Book of Common Prayer

Postlude

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" Stephen Nielson, *piano* NICAEA arr. S. Nielson



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SERMON NOTES

John 20.19-23 "This Changes Everything"