

# THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 31, 2022

## GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

### PRELUDE:

“Prelude in G Minor”

*J.S. Bach*

Readying Our Hearts (A time of silent prayer and reflection in preparation for worshipping God together.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 43:19-21)

Leader: Let us worship God, Who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God, Who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, Who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

### INVOCATION

### \*OPENING SONG:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

*Matt Redman*

*Acoustic Worship Team*

#### Verse 1

**Blessed be Your name**

**In the land that is plentiful**

**Where Your streams of abundance flow**

**Blessed be Your name**

#### Verse 2

**Blessed be Your name**

**When I'm found in the desert place**

**Though I walk through the wilderness**

**Blessed be Your name**

#### Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll**

**Turn back to praise**

**When the darkness closes in Lord**

**Still I will say**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Verse 3

**Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 4

**Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name**

Bridge

**You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 22:7-27 (Pew Bible p. 1637)

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who

betrays him!” They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison prayer after a time of silent personal confession.)

**Most merciful God, death is our destiny apart from You. But by Your grace there is life. Yet, we are impure. We are still at war against You and our fellow human beings in what we say, in what we think, and in what we do. We have even left undone the good things You have commanded us to do. We do not deserve the kingdom of heaven. Out of the depths of Your perfect grace, please forgive us for the sins we have committed against You and against one another. Wash us clean and turn our rags into white robes so that we will rise from the dust of ashes to the glory of Your grace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our merciful heavenly Father sent His Son Jesus, who is righteous, merciful and pure in heart. He is the One who has, by His cross, made peace between evil sinners and a righteous God. Jesus Christ rose from death to life again so that we can live before God in righteousness and purity. It is by His grace that I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**\*All:** (*Gloria Patri*)

**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.**

### **ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:3-11 (Pew Bible p. 1827)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death -- even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*SONG:

“Humble King”  
*Acoustic Worship Team*

*Brenton Brown*

**Oh, kneel me down again here at Your feet.  
Show me how much You love humility.  
Oh Spirit, be the star that leads me to  
The humble heart of love I see in You.**

**‘Cause You are the God of the broken,  
The friend of the weak.  
You wash the feet of the weary,  
Embrace the ones in need.**

**I want to be like You, Jesus,  
To have this heart in me.  
You are the God of the humble.  
You are the humble King.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:1-11 (Pew Bible pp. 1673-1674)

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “Being Washed By Jesus”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD THROUGH AFFIRMATION,  
OFFERING, AND PRAYER**

\*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE: #275 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

**An Upper Room did our Lord prepare  
for those He loved until the end:  
and His disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their Risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:  
to share His bread, His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by His Cross shall lift us up.**

**And after Supper He washed their feet  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Him our joy shall be made complete –  
sent out to serve, as He was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace,  
He loves beyond the uttermost:  
in every room in our Father’s house  
He will be there as Lord and Host.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER AND OFFERING

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements and the Giving of Our Offering

**“Hymn of Heaven”**  
*Acoustic Worship Team*

*Phil Wickham*

Verse 1

**How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the One who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity.**

Chorus 1

**There will be a day when all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day when death will be no more.  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.**

Verse 2

**And every prayer we prayed in desperation,  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear  
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears.**

Verse 3

**And on that day, we join the resurrection.  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Forever He shall reign”**

Chorus 2

**So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.  
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar:  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy is the Lord**

(For those joining with us in the Sanctuary this morning, you are invited, as you come forward to receive the Communion Elements, and as you feel so led, to place your offering in one of the plates up front. For those unable to be with us physically, you are encouraged to partake of the elements in your home at this time. Also, as you are able, we invite you to set aside your offering as an act of personal dedication at this time, either to be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or brought in when you are able to join us in worship. Let this time be one of receiving from and offering yourself up to our Lord -- to the praise of His holy name.)

Prayer of Commitment

\*Sung Response (Doxology)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

### **BRINGING OUR WORSHIP INTO OUR WORLD**

\*CLOSING SONG: #398 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love –  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus – spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loves us, ever loves us, changes never, never more!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them He's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus – 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!**

\*BENEDICTION (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

“Fanfare”

*Jean Moret*

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MEMORY VERSE: John 13:8b

**Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If you would like to help support the work of Hope 7 in our local community we encourage you to drop off **non-perishable food items, toiletries and other hygiene items** either at Third Church (and we will get the items to Hope 7), or at Hope 7 directly (M-F 9:30-11:45), or call Sue Laz (518-892-4042) to arrange for a pick-up.
2. **We are receiving new or gently used clothes for the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM).** There is a box in the narthex for donations. You may bring your items to the church or call Sue Laz to see about having someone pick them up for you. And, of course, if you wish you can bring your items directly to the CCRM.
3. Wednesday evening Bible Study **this Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:45pm.** We will be studying John 13:12-20.
4. **Looking for Fellowship Hosts.** Yes, we are looking for fellowship hosts once again! The Session has recently voted to lift the post-pandemic guidelines of our fellowship times on Sunday mornings. So, with this decision our fellowship time is now open to anyone who would like to serve as a fellowship host. Hosting is a great and easy way to be part of the fellowship ministry and to connect with others in our church family. If you would like to host or have questions about what hosting involves, please see Natalia or Bill Multunas.