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The Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. A. Page

The Call to Worship

Rev. Dean Williams

The Hymn No. 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of hyman love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thin to our race so freely giv'n, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Words by Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864, music by Conrad Kocher, 1838

The Invocation Rev. Williams

The Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Psalm 1

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise, nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise. Instead he is the one who makes the Lord's law his delight, and in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream, which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green. In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so, but they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes, nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones. Because the Lord the righteous loves; the path they walk He knows. The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

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The Scripture Reading Romans 12

The Offertory

In You, Lord, I Refuge Take (Psalm 31)

Neil Barnes, soloist

In you, Lord, I refuge take; let me not be put to shame. Turn your ear and quickly make safety for my trembling frame. You're a rock and fortress strong; I am lost and cannot see. For your name's sake, lead me on; in your hands, my soul redeem.

My eyes weak with sorrow grow, and my body fills with grief. All my years pass with a groan; my strength fails, my bones are weak. Those who see me turn to flee; my friends' eyes are filled with dread. Like a potter's broken dream: in their gaze, a shade of death.

But I trust you are my God; all my days are in your hands. Let your face upon me shine; make me in your love to stand. Great the steadfast love you've stored for the poor, who refuge seek. In your presence, gracious Lord, in your dwelling they find peace.

When I cried in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight!" Praise the Lord, whose saving arm was my rescue and my light. Love the Lord, all you his saints! You, who in him refuge take. Though in darkness you may wait, all who hope in God are saved!

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Children in the 2-3 year old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.

The Hymn No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; 'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me- for me a full atonement made, and everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice; their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Words by Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1739, tr. John Wesley, music from William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies

The Intercessory Prayer

Ruling Elder John Slater

The Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-20

The Sermon Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

Ponder and Practice

The Song Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness that the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music

The Benediction Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

Fugue on "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

arr. J. Behnke

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Pastor Caleb. We are working through the Heidelberg Catechism on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Heidelberg Catechism #45.

Matthew 7:24-29

Two Foundations, Two Ends, One Question

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Tom Young in loving memory of his mother, Ada Ruth Young, and the faithfulness of her prayers.

To God be the glory for prayer warrior moms.

TO EVERYONE WHO VISITS WITH US THIS LORD'S DAY, we welcome you sincerely and from the heart. Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

COVID UPDATE: At our Session meeting this past Monday night, the elders unanimously approved the following changes, effective immediately and continuing through September:

- There will be a livestreamed, mask-required 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service in the cafeteria.
- Masks are required in all POPC children's ministries activities.
- Masks are recommended in all other churchwide events, including the Sanctuary worship services, youth and adult Sunday School classes, and other ministry events.
- We will not serve the Lord's Supper or pass offering plates.

Let us continue to pray for the Lord to remove this pandemic, and to enable us to love one another amid our different perspectives and circumstances.

PSALMS WE SING TOGETHER: On August 29, at 5:00 p.m., our Annual Family Night Picnic and Concert will feature Wendell Kimbrough. Wendell is a songwriter and performer creating fresh interpretations of the Psalms for worship. With singable melodies, steeped in the sounds of folk, gospel, and soul music, Wendell's songs are sung at hundreds of churches around the world. Wendell lives with his wife and daughter in Fairhope, Alabama, where he serves as worship leader and artist-in-residence at Church of the Apostles. Wendell's CDs and songbooks are available for purchase on our website. If you would like to contribute a dessert or flowers for the Family Night Picnic and concert, please sign up at tinyurl.com/popcpicnic.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST: Our Men's Ministry will be offering a study of the Book of Titus, led by John Perritt. Each attendee will receive a FREE copy of the ESV Scripture Journal (Titus). There will also be a time of fellowship and prayer. Our Women's Ministry will be offering a study through the Book of Lamentations, led by Jessica Morgan. There will be handouts each week that will act as prayer guides as well as opportunities to discuss what is learned with your family. This fall, we will also be offering two "large group" combined forums for all adults-topics TBA.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1st: Boxed dinners for families will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a pre-order, pre-paid basis each week. A registration form will need to be filled out online no later than the Monday before each Wednesday night you plan to eat. You will also need to register if you plan to use the Nursery. Register at www.pearorchard.org/wednesday-nights. Children's Catechism, Youth Group, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Sonbeams, and Sanctuary Choir will meet. Masks are required for children 12 and under, and recommended for everyone else.

SONBEAMS TEAM ACCESS 2021-2022: We will have pizza, Minute to Win it games, and an interest meeting today, from 5:00-5:45 p.m. in the Sonbeams Room# 121. We want all previous and new POPC youth 5th - 12th grade who would like to join Team Access to come and hear about the amazing ways they can serve Jesus by serving our special needs members. Team Access commitment forms are on the POPC website or from John and Sara Williams. Contact Daphne Clark 601-594-3743 for questions.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to the families of Robin Byrd and Mike Buckels. Their father, Roy Lee Buckels, passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

YOUNG MARRIEDS, SAVE THE DATE! Join us this Friday, August 27, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Jason and Allison Miller. We will eat dinner and hear some wisdom on marriage from some of our POPC members. Please register at pearorchard.org/youngmarrieds. No childcare provided.

SAVE THE DATE! Moses Basket is hosting the next "Connect 4" this Saturday, August 28, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers! Come help us love and serve foster families. Would you prayerfully consider joining us as we seek to give respite to foster parents and show the Father's love to their children? Questions or to register: mosesbasket@pearorchard.org.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 5: If you are interested in joining POPC, or learning more about our congregation, come to our New Members Class. This nine-week class is required for membership and begins on Sunday, September 5. It will be held during Sunday School (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in Room 127. If you are not able to attend the first Sunday, start attending the second Sunday! If you have any questions, please contact Jan Duran in the church office at jan@pearorchard.org or 601-956-3283 ext. 200.

ATTENTION MEN: On Thursday, September 9, we will gather at Buffalo Wild Wings (Lake Harbour) to watch the Cowboys take on the Buccaneers. All the Ole Miss fans will secretly be pulling for the Bucs, as Dak Prescott hopes to lead his Cowboys back to a Super Bowl. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, but kickoff is at 7:20 p.m. Come for the entire game, part of the game, or ignore the game all together and enjoy the fellowship. All men, 7th grade and up, are welcome.

BABY SHOWER FOR EMMALYNE BECK! All ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, September 11, from 10:00 to noon in the cafeteria to celebrate the arrival of their baby due on September 29! Josh and Emmalyne are registered at Amazon and Target. Baby will be a surprise!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Michelle Maly – Odessa, Ukraine

Michelle ministers to children living in orphanages located in Odessa, Ukraine. She consistently demonstrates the love of Christ to these children. Michelle would have us join her in praising our Lord for His recent provision, through us, and others, of the \$200,000 they needed to purchase property on which they plan to build two additional orphanages. The land has been purchased and they are moving forward with the plans to start building. Pray that all will go well with that project and pray for an ongoing chief request of hers: "Please pray that our Lord would provide loving parents to these children who crave the parental affection that have made many of us who we are today."