



Hope

Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, February 20, 2022

“To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike? Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.

“Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,’
calling a bird of prey from the east,
the man of my counsel from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it.

“Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.”

(Isaiah 46.5-13)

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Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship: Psalm 135

Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.

**For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.
Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.
He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.**

He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
both of man and of beast;
who in your midst, O Egypt,
sent signs and wonders
against Pharaoh and all his servants;
who struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings,
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
and gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to his people Israel.

**Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.
For the Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.**

The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths, but do not speak;
they have eyes, but do not see;

they have ears, but do not hear,
nor is there any breath in their mouths.
Those who make them become like them,
so do all who trust in them.

**O house of Israel, bless the Lord!
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord!
O house of Levi, bless the Lord!
You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!
Blessed be the Lord from Zion,
he who dwells in Jerusalem!
Praise the Lord!**

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Hymn: *He Is Exalted*

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

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I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted
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Hymn: *There Is a Redeemer

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

*Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on earth is done*

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on earth is done*

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***Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:15–17;
1 Thessalonians 1:8–10**

***Confession of Faith: *Westminster Larger Catechism*,
Questions #107, #108, and #109**

Pastor: Which is the second commandment?

Congregation: The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third

and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Pastor: What are the duties required in the second commandment?

Congregation: The duties required in the second commandment are, the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath instituted in his word; particularly prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ; the reading, preaching, and hearing of the word; the administration and receiving of the sacraments; church government and discipline; the ministry and maintenance thereof; religious fasting; swearing by the name of God, and vowing unto him: as also the disapproving, detesting, opposing, all false worship; and, according to each one's place and calling, removing it, and all monuments of idolatry.

Pastor: What sins are forbidden in the second commandment?

Congregation: The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising, counseling, commanding, using, and any wise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself; the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever; all worshiping of it, or God in it or by it; the making of any representation of feigned deities, and all worship of them, or service belonging to them; all superstitious devices, corrupting the worship of God, adding to it, or taking from it, whether invented and taken up of ourselves, or received by tradition from others, though under the title of antiquity, custom, devotion, good intent, or any other pretense whatsoever; simony; sacrilege; all neglect, contempt, hindering, and opposing the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.

**Assurance of Access to God through Jesus:
Hebrews 7.21b–26:**

“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10.21–23:

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

*Hymn: #565 *All for Jesus!*

Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Anthem of Musical Worship

Sermon Title: *Listen to Me, You Stubborn of Heart*
Isaiah 46 Rev. Dr. Martin Hawley

Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn: *In Christ Alone*

(Live Stream Ends)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Benediction

All for Jesus!

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Rom. 12:1

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran-somed pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World- lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
• boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



Sharing Plants and Sharing the Gospel

Pass it on! Hope Women's Kick-Off Event and Luncheon has a garden theme this year. We will have a plant/seed/bulb swap and seed-starting party. Bring any cuttings, divided plants or bulbs to share. Hope will provide seed starting trays, soil and seeds for herbs, salad mix, or flowers. Master Gardener Judy Lester will be our main speaker. We will learn some gardening/planting tips, and how easy it is to pass on favorite plants, as well as, the Gospel.

RSVP to Shari Hawley, 404-797-0496, by the 24th, or sign up on the sheet in the church foyer, so we will have enough garden supplies and lunch for everyone. And let us know if you have any food (or plant) allergies.