

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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ADORATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

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the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

#92 | *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

CONFESSION



CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | **1 Peter 1:2-9**

Brothers and Sisters, you have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

This is kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

There is a Hope

THERE IS A HOPE

There is a hope that burns within my heart
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part
Yet drives all doubt away
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n
And Christ in me the hope of heav'n
My highest calling and my deepest joy
To make His will my home

There is a hope that lifts my weary head
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me
In its deepest pit
I find the Savior there
Through present suff'rings future's fear
He whispers courage in my ear
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And they will lead me home

There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face
When suff'rings cease and sorrows die
And ev'ry longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home

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FORMATION & COMMISSION



CATECHESIS | Heidelberg Catechism:

Q 1: Christian, what is your only hope in life and death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.**

He also preserves me in such a way

**that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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.

Thomas Ken, 1709 | Louis Bourgeon's Genevan Psalter, 1551

SERMON

For Such a Time as This

Rev. Shiv Muthukumar

THE APOSTLES CREED

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER†

We offer both wine & juice for communion;

the cups in the outer ring contain grape juice, and the remaining cups contain wine.

Be Still My Soul

My Hope is Built on Nothing Else

CLOSING HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE APOSTLES CREED

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still my soul, draw nearer to the cross
Find peace and mercy in the vale of tears
There you shall know his love, his heart, in loss.
He comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul, your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING ELSE

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Edward Mote 1834/William Bradbury 1863/CCLI# 1095616

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.
Repeat Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?
Repeat Chorus

We are bound (we are bound)
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We are bound for promised land,
We are bound (we are bound)
We are bound (we are bound)
We are bound for promised land.

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

10:30a | Live-Stream Morning Worship

Work Day | March 28 | 9a - 12p

**VBS | June 22-26 | Register at <https://cpcissaquah.org/events/vbs/> |
Volunteers needed | Contact austins@cpcissaquah.org**

**Sacred Road Summer Trips | Contact Jonathan Ross: jonathanr@cpcissaquah.org
Yakama: June 13-20 | Warm Springs: July 11-18**

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We invite you to the Lord's Table if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation. By eating the bread and drinking the cup you are saying you are a sinner without hope except for the mercy of God, and that you are in fellowship with God's people. If you have any doubts or questions about your participation, we encourage you to speak with one of the pastors or elders.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Holy Bible
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