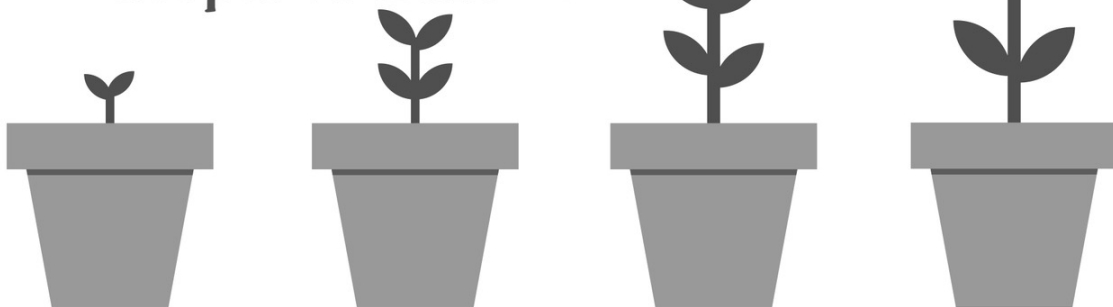




Stories of Growth

Parables from the Gospel of Luke



11:15 service + November 18, 2018

Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church.

All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon at the 8:30 service (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Cole Lescher

Themes and keywords: morality, mercy, humble/humility

Prelude

A Glad Song

by Anna Laura Page

Central Children's Choir
Whitney Cairns, conductor

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Revelation 1:6; Psalm 106:1

Liturgist: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church:
To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

We praise God

All Things New

Text and tune: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive, and Andy Gullahorn 2008
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1. Come, bro - ken and wear - y; come, bat - tered and bruised.
2. Come, lost and a - ban - doned; come, blown by the wind.
3. Come, fro - zen with shame; come, burn - ing with guilt.
4. Hold on - to the pro - mise; the sto - ries are true:

My Je - sus makes all things new, all things new. (Verse 2)
He'll bring you back home a - gain, home a - gain. (Chorus)
My Je - sus he loves you still, you still. (Chorus then Bridge)
Je - sus makes all things new, all things new. (Chorus twice)

Chorus:
Rise up, O you sleep - er, a - wake! The Light of the dawn is up - on you.

Rise up, O you sleep - er, a - wake! He makes all things new, all things new. (2nd time to Bridge)

Bridge:
The world was good; the world is fal - len; the world will be re - deemed.
The world was good; the world is fal - len; the world will be re - deemed.

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!*

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Isaiah 30:15, 18

Liturgist: For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all who wait for him.

We confess our sin

Lord, Have Mercy

from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer

Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer -cy, Lord.

Liturgist: Our gracious Father, it is easy for us
to believe lies about you and about ourselves.
We often think too little of your love and mercy
and too highly of ourselves.

**All: *We fear that you love us only if we are good enough.
We are prone to believe that you accept us
only if our morality merits your favor
and only if our performance earns your praise.
We are prone to credit ourselves when we do what is right.
When we do wrong, we deal with our guilt and shame
by offering you our own flawed record to earn a reward
rather than humbly offering to you our need
and receiving and resting in the gift of your love,
the righteousness of Christ our Savior for us.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, forgive us for believing lies about your love and our goodness.
Lord, help us to cast all our guilt and shame upon you continually
and to live each day with confident knowledge that our sins are freely and fully forgiven
in Christ, that we are united to you in Christ only as a gift of your strong Fatherly love,
and that your steadfast love for us as your beloved children endures forever.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Romans 5:1-2; 8:33-34

Liturgist: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

We praise God

Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

Text (verses): John Newton 1779, tune (verses): Traditional American melody; *Columbian Harmony* 1829; Text and tune (refrain): Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio 2006, © 2006 WorshipTogether.com songs/Sixsteps Music



1. A - ma - zing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me. His Word my hope se - cures.
4. The earth shall soon be pure like snow when all will be re - fined



I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see. **(to vs. 2)**
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be lieved. **(to chorus)**
He will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures. **(to chorus 2x)**
and God who called me here be - low will be for - ev - er mine.



We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Luke 18:9-14
(pew Bible p. 877)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Take My Life and Let It Be

Text: Francis R. Havergal, 1874
Tune: Henry César Malan 1827

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.
 4. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King.

Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise;
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee;
 Take my heart; it is thine own. It shall be thy roy - al throne;
 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store,

let them flow in cease - less praise.
 swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 at thy feet its trea - sure store.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.
 For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.

We praise God

Jesus, I Come

Text: William Sleeper 1887

Tune: Greg Thompson 2000, © 2000 Greg Thompson Music

1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light. Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love, Out of des - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,

Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm,
 Up - ward for - e - ver on wings like a dove,
 E - ver Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

In Christ Alone

Text and tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend 2001
 © 2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music

1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.

This cor - ner stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain.
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease.
 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied,
 And as He stands in vic - tor - y, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand.

My Com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 'Til he re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Robby Maher,
 from Mom, Dad, Holley, and Megan Maher Weitzel.

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