



United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield
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Virtual Order of Worship/Sunday/May 24, 2020
11:00AM – 12:00PM

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Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah



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Unison Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 93)

LORD, You are robed in majesty; You are girded with strength. You alone established the world that only You can move. You are from everlasting. You are more majestic than anything that is, was, and ever shall be. More majestic than the highest mountain, more majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Opening Hymn # 138 (PH)***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

In accordance with Scripture, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are known, have mercy on us and hear our prayer. We admit we have not loved you wholeheartedly, nor have we loved each other. At times, when we should have spoken, we were silent. When we should have acted, we remained still. We pointed out specks in the eyes of others and neglected to identify and ask you to remove the beams from our own eyes. At times, we sought to advance our own agenda and ignored Your divine will. Forgive us for pursuing our interests instead of working for the common good. Forgive us for jockeying for position and influence instead of working for harmony and reconciliation when it was needed. Forgive us Lord, for we have thought less of some and treated others with contempt. Forgive us for desecrating the names and reputations of others because of envy and pride and to elevate ourselves. Forgive us, for neglecting to do good when you presented the opportunity. Forgive us for failing to hear Your voice in quiet places. Dear Lord. Forgive us, have mercy on us, and help us become more Christ-like. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Receive the good news, in accordance with Scripture, when we confess our sins and repent, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cast our wrongdoings into the sea of forgetfulness. Praise God for amazing grace, and God's lovingkindness and tender mercy.

Praise Offering # 485 (PH)***To God Be the Glory***

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God,
the vilest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!

And, with you.

Prayer for Illumination

God, open our spiritual eyes and ears that we may understand your word and apply it to our lives. In
Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Reading of Scripture

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything
written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that
the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness
of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of
these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so, stay here in the city until
you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up
his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up
into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were
continually in the temple blessing God.

Hymn of Preparation

He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Needs

Sermon

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done of earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #143

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call, to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Benediction

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. **Amen.**



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