

**Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America**  
PM Order of Worship – November 8, 2020

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 52A**

1 Why boast yourself O mighty man,  
Of evil and of wrong?  
The loving kindness of our God  
Is present all day long.

2 You with your subtle tongue have planned  
Destruction to complete.  
Your tongue a sharpened razor is,  
A worker of deceit.

3 You cherish evil more than good  
And false-hood more than right.  
You cherish all devouring words,  
O tongue which lies delight.

4 Forever God will pull you down,  
Will seize you with His hand,  
Will tear you from your dwelling place,  
Uproot you from the land.

5 The righteous will behold and fear,  
Will laugh at him and say,  
“Behold the man who would not make  
Our God his strength and stay.”

6 “This is the man who placed his trust  
In wealth’s abundant store,  
And in the evil he desired  
Confirmed himself the more.”

7 But I within the house of God  
Am like an olive tree,  
And in the steadfast love of God  
My trust shall every be.

8 Forever I will give Thee thanks,  
What Thou hast done proclaim.  
In presence of Thy godly ones  
I’ll wait on Thy good name.

## Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

### Hymn #143

*How Precious Is the Book Divine*

1 How precious is the book divine,  
by inspiration given;  
bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,  
to guide our souls to heav'n.

2 It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts,  
in this dark vale of tears;  
life, light, and joy it still imparts  
and quells our rising fears.

3 This lamp, through all the tedious night  
of life, shall guide our way,  
till we behold the clearer light  
of an eternal day.

### Hymn #347

*The Church's One Foundation*

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

**Scripture Reading:**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

**Sermon:**

Be the Church  
TE Marcus Smith

**Prayer of Application and Submission**

**Hymn #456**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

**Season of Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn #731**

*Doxology*