

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America  
PM Order of Worship – December 6, 2020

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 56**

1 Be gracious unto me, O God, for man would me devour; He fights against me all day long,  
Oppressing by his power. My foes are watching day and night that they may me devour.

2 Because against me many are who fight from places high, The day I fear I'll trust in Thee.  
God's word I'll magnify. In God I trust. What can flesh do? Of that no fear have I.

3 All day they wrest my words; their thoughts toward me are filled with hate.  
They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps, as for my soul they wait.  
Is there indeed escape for them with wickedness so great?

4 In anger, God, cast peoples down in what they undertook. Thou numberest my wanderings,  
Not one dost overlook. Within Thy bottle put my tears; are they not in Thy book?

5 My foes shall, when I cry, turn back, I know; God is for me.  
In God I'll praise His word; the LORD – His word my praise shall be!  
In God I've trusted, I'll not fear what man can do to me.

6 My vows to Thee I'll pay, O God; Thankoff'rings bring to Thee.  
For Thou from death didst save my soul, my feet from falling free;  
I'll walk before God in the light of those that living be.

**Invocation and Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn #2**

*O Worship the King*

1 O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

**Hymn #226***As with Gladness Men of Old*

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,  
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

**Scripture Reading:**

Micah 4:1-8

**Sermon:** "The Lord upon His Mountain"

Pastor Steve Richman

**Prayer of Application and Submission****Hymn #224***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

**Season of Prayer****Benediction****Hymn #731***Doxology*