

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America
AM Order of Worship – February 21, 2021

Prelude *Please use the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship through silent meditation.*

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Call to Worship

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #72

Amid the Fears that Oppress Our Day

1 Amid the fears that oppress our day,
across the clouds that obscure our way,
one golden truth sheds its shining ray —
our God is sovereign still.

Refrain:

His holy purpose unchanging stands,
the stars still turn at their Lord's commands;
he holds the world in his mighty hands —
our God is sovereign still!
Our God is sovereign still!

2 Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,
though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,
our God still lives, and he hears our call —
our God is sovereign still. [Refrain]

3 Though fierce the fight 'gainst the hosts of wrong,
his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
the day is his: raise his triumph song —
our God is sovereign still. [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come to receive his own,
when his the kingdom, the pow'r, the throne,
eternal King he shall reign alone —
our God is sovereign still. [Refrain]

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 1.6, 1.7

6. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word: and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

7. All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all: yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded, and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.

Offertory

Please use this as a time for silent prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregational Reading – Psalm 67

God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah*
That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations on earth. *Selah*
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.
Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Assurance of Pardon and God's Love

Hymn #469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

1 How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

3 “Why was I made to hear your voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

4 ‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see your churches full,
And all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:14-29

Sermon:

“A Righteous God”
Pastor Steve Tipton

Prayer of Application and Submission

Hymn #458*What Tho' I Cannot Break My Chains*

1 What tho' I cannot break my chain
Or e'er throw off my load,
The things impossible to men
Are possible to God.

2 Who, who shall in thy presence stand,
Or match omnipotence;
Unfold the grasp of thy right hand
And pluck the sinner thence?

3 Faith to be healed I fain would have,
O might it now be giv'n;
Thou canst, thou canst the sinner save,
And make me meet for heav'n.

4 Bound down with twice ten thousand ties,
Yet let me hear thy call;
My soul in confidence shall rise,
Shall rise and break through all.

5 Thou canst o'ercome this heart of mine,
Thou wilt victorious prove;
For everlasting strength is thine,
And everlasting love.

Benediction**Hymn #735***Gloria Patri***Postlude**