

The Evening Service

*But the wicked are like the tossing sea;
for it cannot be quiet,
and its waters toss up mire and dirt.
There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."*

(Isaiah 57:20–21, ESV)

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

PRELUDE: *A Friend That Sticketh Closer Than a Brother*

BENTON

The String Ensemble
Julie Anne Russell, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 2:** *O Worship the King* (Psalm 104)

LYONS

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

+ **HYMN 442:** *Arise, O God*

RHOSYMEDRE

Stanzas 1-2 before the Children's Sermon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastoral Intern Avery Sirmans

Children's Catechism #84

Q. What is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is "You shall have no other gods
before me."

Children may leave for Club and Cherub Choir at this time.

+ **HYMN 442:** *Arise, O God*

RHOSYMEDRE

Continue stanzas 3-4

EVENING PRAYER

Elder Wyman Bowers

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

arr. Paul S. Jones

+ **DOXOLOGY:**

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Psalm 10

(Pew Bible page 451, Children's Bible page 579)

SERMON: *A Song for All Seasons*

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

"Where is God When You Need Him?"

PRAYER

+ **HYMN:** *A Friend That Sticketh Closer Than a Brother*

BENTON

Please find a copy of the hymn on the back of your bulletin.

BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Peace (Benediction)

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

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POSTLUDE: *Variation on EWING*

Noel Rawsthorne

+ HYMN: *A Friend That Sticketh Closer Than a Brother*

BENTON

1. One there is, a - bove all o - thers, Well de - serves the name of Friend;
2. Which of all our friends to save us, Could or would have shed their blood?
3. Could we bear from one an - o - ther, What he dai - ly bears from us?
4. Oh! for grace our hearts to sof - ten! Teach us, LORD, at length to love;

9
His is love be - yond a bro - ther's, Cost - ly, free, and knows no end:
But our Je - sus died to have us Rec - on - cil'd, in him to God:
Yet this glo - rious Friend and Bro - ther, Loves us tho' we treat him thus:
We, a - las! for - get too of - ten, What a Friend we have a - bove:

17
They who once his kind - ness prove, Find it ev - er - last - ing love!
This was bound - less love in - deed! Je - sus is a Friend in need.
Tho' for good we ren - der ill, He ac - counts us breth - ren still.
But when home our souls are brought, We will love thee as we ought.

John Newton

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First Presbyterian Church
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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: *O Worship the King*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.
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.**

**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!**

**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.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN: *Arise, O God*

**Arise, O God, and shine
In all thy saving might,
And prosper each design
To spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know,
That all the earth thy truth may know.**

**Bring distant nations near
To sing thy glorious praise;**

**Let ev'ry people hear
And learn thy holy ways:
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws,
And govern by thy righteous laws.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's Catechism #84

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A. The first commandment is "You shall have no other gods before me."

HYMN: *Arise, O God*

**Send forth thy glorious pow'r,
That Gentiles all may see,
And earth present her store
In converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless,
And fill the world with righteousness,
And fill the world with righteousness.**

**To God, the only wise,
The one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise
From ev'ry living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 10

Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

**let them be caught in the schemes that they have
devised.**

3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,

**and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces
the Lord.**

**4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek
him;**

all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

5 His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

as for all his foes, he puffs at them.
6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
throughout all generations I shall not meet
adversity."
7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit
and oppression;
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.
8 He sits in ambush in the villages;
in hiding places he murders the innocent.
His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
9 he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;
he lurks that he may seize the poor;
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.
10 The helpless are crushed, sink down,
and fall by his might.
11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."
12 Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.
13 Why does the wicked renounce God
and say in his heart, "You will not call to
account"?
14 But you do see, for you note mischief and
vexation,
that you may take it into your hands;
to you the helpless commits himself;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;
call his wickedness to account till you find none.

**16 The Lord is king forever and ever;
the nations perish from his land.**

**17 O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline
your ear**

**18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror
no more.**

**SERMON: Dr. Neil C. Stewart
“Where is God When You Need Him?”**

PRAYER

HYMN: *A Friend That Sticketh Closer Than a Brother*

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His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end:
They who once his kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love!**

**Which of all our friends to save us,
Could or would have shed their blood?
But our Jesus died to have us
reconcil'd, in him to God:
This was boundless love indeed!
Jesus is a Friend in need.**

**Could we bear from one another,
What he daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother,
Loves us tho' we treat him thus:
Tho' for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still.**

**Oh! For grace our hearts to soften!
Teach us, LORD, at length to love;
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