

First Presbyterian Church of Owasso

October 10, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Bold print is unison

“Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.” --Saint Augustine (354-430 CE)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

*Hymn #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Moment of Meditation—Welcome the Light of Christ

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 65)

By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; You provide the people with grain, for so You have prepared it.

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy!

Come, let us worship our God of Hope and Salvation!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all creation, news from around the globe has been crushing. We must admit that we feel helpless in the face of so much pain, and that too often our greatest desire is to turn off the constant pleas for help. Whether the agony comes from Haiti or Afghanistan, from within ICU wards, or on city street corners, or even in our own hearts . . . we don't want to be reminded of so much suffering.

Yet we pray, Lord, first, that You forgive these our attempts at self-preservation and, second, that You give us strength and courage and a certain hope that enables us to face our days responding to Your clear call to be a source of hope and help and joy for a world so badly needing these things.

Hear now our silent prayers of reflection and confession . . . Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Friends, it is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery, the yoke that pulls us back into our all too human preference for comfort and routine.

Freed and forgiven, let us look to Christ Jesus, the hope of the world. And let us joyfully move out into the world with him, Christ Jesus our freeing Savior. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to The Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Page 766

The New Testament Lesson

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Romans 8:18-25
Page 158

The Sermon

Alone and Adrift No More

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostle's Creed,
pg. 35 Hymnal

Prayers of the People

Offertory

*Doxology #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #624 (vs. 1 & 5)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*Hymn #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*Taking out the Light of Christ

*Invitation and Benediction

Postlude

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