



Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations!**

Song of Praise

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o’er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003.

Song of Praise

“Come, Holy Ghost”

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts, take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav’nly aid,
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.**

**O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav’nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.
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words Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, additional chorus by Ray Mills, 2005; music Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005, © 2006 Cardiphonia Music, and Raymond G. Mills

Prayer of Lament and Confession

We lament the economic loss
and vulnerability from this virus.
Businesses are closed, jobs are lost and in danger.
Others must work but find themselves endangered.
We were made to work
and enjoy the fruit of our labor,
But many are in great need.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We confess that we make too much of our money.
We call on it for security, control, and pleasure—
We cry out for our money to save us.
We don’t want to have to ask God for our daily bread.

Jesus, we forget that you reign.

We lament that death is our enemy,
and it rules with cruelty and impunity.
It’s a monstrous invader into God’s creation.
People we love will die from this virus.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We confess that in the midst of crisis,
we doubt and mistrust you.
We struggle to believe that you are good,
that you are in control,
that you love us and the world.

Jesus, we forget that you reign.

Lord, we are a broken people in a broken world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear us and help us.

Assurance of Pardon and Hope

based on 1 Corinthians 15

Christ died for our sins in accordance with Scripture.
Christian, you are forgiven.
Christ was raised on the third day
in accordance with Scripture.
Death is swallowed up in victory.

Confession of Faith

John 14:5-9

Thomas said to him,

“Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you had known me,
you would have known my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.**”

Philip said to him,

“Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

Jesus said to him,

“**Have I been with you so long,
and you still do not know me, Philip?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?**”

Life as Worship

ONLINE GIVING. We can continue worshipping the Lord, entrusting back to him a portion of what He has provided by going online at [fountainsquarepres.org] and clicking “Give” in the upper right hand corner. Email Jason if you have any questions (jason@fountainsquarepres.org).

VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP. *Tonight!* All high school and middle school students are encouraged to join Todd and Caroline as well as their volunteer leaders this Sunday night (April 5th) for virtual youth group from 7-8:15 PM at <https://zoom.us/j/404942707> (Meeting ID: 404 942 707).

PRAYER GATHERINGS. *Tuesdays 1pm, Fridays 8:30am.* As a people desperately dependent upon Jesus, we want to continue our prayer gatherings we began in the fall at <https://zoom.us/j/758234818> (Meeting ID: 758 234 818). Unlike our gatherings in the fall, these gatherings will be brief (30 minutes) times of prayer together on a regular basis. Contact Pat with questions (pat@fountainsquarepres.org).

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE. *Friday.* Join us online this Friday for a joint service with Redeemer as we reflect on our need of the cross, looking ahead to the resurrection life that awaits us Sunday morning. More details to follow in our Weekly Digest email on Wednesday.

WAYS TO SERVE. Our mercy team has put together a curated list of ways to serve each other and our community during this season. You can view the list online at [<https://cutt.ly/serve>]. Contact the mercy team with questions (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).

MERCY NEEDS. We all have needs and are in this together. We expect this season will press in uniquely upon all of us. If you need any kind of assistance to get through this season, please do not hesitate to email our mercy team (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).

STAY CONNECTED. Getting our weekly emails? We currently send one Saturday night with everything you need to worship, and a weekly digest on Wednesdays with upcoming events, opportunities, and encouragements. Email Jason to subscribe or with any questions (jason@fountainsquarepres.org).

Prayers of the People

Song of Grace

“Jesus, My Comfort”

**Jesus, my comfort,
O may your will be mine;
Into your hands of love, I resign.
Jesus, my great hope,
All shall be well for me;
What this day may bring, I trust with thee.**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

**Jesus, my sweet rest,
Though often seen through tears,
Let not my faith grow dim or disappear.
Jesus, my Savior,
In you alone I trust;
All other lovers will lead me to loss.**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

**Jesus, my wellspring,
You alone bring me life;
Drinking from you, I never will die.
Jesus, my lover,
Into your desert, lead me;
Hear me cry “Husband,” - call me to sing.**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

**Jesus, my comfort, Jesus, my sweet rest,
Jesus, my wellspring, you bring me life!**

words based on an ancient hymn; music Rick Jensen, 2002

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:16b-25

¹⁶ Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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

Homily

Pat Hickman

Does the Word Give Life?

Connecting Prayer

Song of Response

"On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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Benediction

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