

Service for the Lord's Day

October 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
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ROOTED IN LOVE, LIGHTING THE WAY

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service, and stop by the welcome cart by the front entrance to learn more about our community. We hope you will worship with us again soon!

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Lighting of the Peace Candle

(a silent prayer)

God of Hope, on this and every day, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe that, together with our brothers and sisters around the world, we might dream together, pray together and work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

Sharing of Our Lives

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

If you are worshiping in the sanctuary, please fill out the Friendship Pad located at the end of every pew.

◆ Call to Worship

(based on Lamentations 3:22-24)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul.

"Therefore I will hope in Him." Come, let us worship God.

◆ Processional Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

"Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them there are ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)

◆ Call to Confession

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Holy One,
We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.
To serve each other in love and humility.
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

**Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.
Restore our energy when it is gone.**

**Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,
And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

◆ Assurance of Pardon

*Believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

◆ Congregational Response

Ancient Words

Refrain is sung by the congregation (verses will be sung by choir):

Refrain

An - cient words, ev - er true, chang - ing me, chang - ing you; We have
come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

◆ Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir Anthem

My Lighthouse

Deena Andrews

Children's Moment & The Lord's Prayer

This Sunday we are pleased to present Bibles to our 3rd graders: Sophia Baldwin, Weston Jeffers and Karina Russell.

God's Word to Us

Prayer for Illumination

**God, may we have ears to hear and eyes to see.
As we experience your word today, may it teach us and reach us in a new way
so that we can better live out the call you have on all our lives. Amen.**

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-9a

*Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them*

*and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here
I am."*

Musical Offering

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Gospel Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Call and Response

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips

Responding to God's Word

Hymn 465

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Generosity 2023: Strength For Today

Invitation to Generosity

Today we will dedicate our financial pledges to the good work of this congregation. At this time, we invite everyone to come forward to place completed pledge cards & this morning's offering in the basket at the front. If worshiping from home, we invite you to make either a one time or recurring donation or 2024 pledge by going to rccpc.org/pledge.



Musical Offering

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

◆ Congregational Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

◆ Prayers of the People And Dedication

◆ Reformation Hymn 275, vss. 1,2,4

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

◆ Blessing and Benediction



We hope that you experience a strong sense of welcome and home this morning!

◆ *Please stand, as you are able.*

The flowers displayed today are given in loving memory of my mother, MaryLou Crago Taylor, from Dianne Whittaker.

Join us TODAY for a celebration of our generosity and the end of our fall Soul Food sermon series! Head to the Upper Meadow area for our "Soul-e-bration" - complete with a sampling of soul food, Trunk-or-Treat, a children's inflatable obstacle course, and our annual RCCPC flag football game. All are welcome!



Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*

The Rev. Emily Schwenker, *Parish Associate*

Jeffrey Miller, *Director of Music*

Ben Andrews, *Director of Christian Formation*

Rachele Gilmore, *Director of Community Life*

Children's Choir, Festival Choir & Martin Hargrove, *Music Ministry*

Ray Krout, *Usher Captain*

Barbara Sowden, *Greeter*

S.Armstrong, K.Barton, A.Bloom, D.Howarth, J.Schubel, P.Worrell, A.Leonhard, *Media Production*

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It features a descant on the first line of the melody, which is a simple four-note phrase: D4, E4, F#4, G4. The descant is a more complex, flowing melody that spans the first two lines of the system. The accompaniment consists of a treble and bass line. The treble line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines, while the bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and a simple melodic line.

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system continues the musical score. It begins with a descant on the word 'ho - ly,' which is a simple four-note phrase: D4, E4, F#4, G4. The descant is a more complex, flowing melody that spans the first two lines of the system. The accompaniment consists of a treble and bass line. The treble line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines, while the bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and a simple melodic line.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

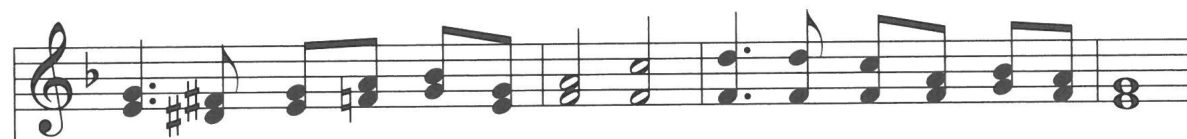
죄짐맡은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains a bass line. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."