

BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

September 13, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Hymn of Praise #332

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 48)

Leader: *Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain is the joy of all the earth.*

PEOPLE: **Within her citadels, God has made Himself known as a fortress.**

Leader: *We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to Your Name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

Leader: *Tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.*

*Hymn #338

"He Leadeth me: O Blessed Thought!"

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Almighty God, Your Word and Spirit reveal my sins of thought, word, and deed—in things done and things left undone. I have put myself in Your place, **acting as if I am God:** creating my own measures of good and evil, directing my own life, seeking my own glory. Yet You also reveal Jesus, the One who gave Himself for me. By His blood, forgive me of my sins, and help me to turn from evil and return to You. LORD, guide me, now and always.

Private Prayers (silently before God)

Words of Assurance

Luke 1:76-79

*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, amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (printed on insert):

Apostles' Creed

Welcome & Announcements

(Children may remain with parents in the sanctuary, nursery, or upstairs.)

Sharing of Needs and Mercies

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (printed in insert)

Worshiping God with Tithes & Offerings: *Frontier Fellowship*

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #105

"How Gentle God's Commands"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message

Exodus 13:17-22

(pages 55-56)

*Sending Hymn #365

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

*Benediction & Response

The LORD is faithful. Hallelujah!

*Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.*

Assistive listening devices are available upon request.

Rev. Nathan Markley, Pastor

Rebecca McElroy, Pianist

All Members, Ministers

***Hymn of Praise #332 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

1 Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And Holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly Kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King Eternal: We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

***Hymn #338 "He Leadeth me: O Blessed Thought!"**

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

[Refrain]

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me. *[Refrain]*

3 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *[Refrain]*

4 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *[Refrain]* Amen.

***Hymn #105 "How Gentle God's Commands"**

1 How gentle God's commands, How kind His precepts are!
Come, cast your burdens on the Lord, And trust His constant care.

2 Beneath His watchful eye His saints securely dwell;
That hand which bears all nature up Shall guide His children well.

3 Why should this anxious load Press down your weary mind?
Haste to your Heavenly Father's throne, And sweet refreshment find.

4 His goodness stands approved, Down to the present day;
I'll drop my burden at His feet, And bear a song away. Amen.

***Sending Hymn #365 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"**

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
[For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.] (2x)

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
[Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see.] (2x)

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
[This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.] (2x) Amen.

Announcements

1. Our offering **today** will go to Frontier Fellowship, which shares the Good News of Jesus with the world's 6,500 distinct ethnic groups who still have little or no access to the gospel message.
2. Fall Bible study continues **Wednesdays** 7:00-8:30 p.m. to examine how classic hymns can help us understand Bible truth. Social distancing is required. If you'd like online video access to join virtually via Facebook Live, please contact Pastor Nathan.
3. Please feel free to take vegetables on the downstairs kitchen table, collected from the Big Creek garden.
4. We continue to monitor local health conditions and will resume our sanctuary guidelines if needed. The downstairs fellowship hall is available for indoor distance listening during worship. We'll still broadcast radio audio.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;¹
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
Of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge
The quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic² church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen



¹ While we believe in an eternal place that Scripture calls Hell, the word which has historically been translated as "hell" here means that Jesus really, truly died.

² The catholic ("little c") church consists of all believers in Christ's church and is not a particular reference to the Roman Catholic Church.