

BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

November 22, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Hymn of Praise #70 *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

*Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship *(from Psalm 30)*

Leader: *I will exalt You, LORD, for You have lifted me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.*

PEOPLE: **LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You healed me.**

Leader: *LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You have kept me alive, that I would not go down to the pit.*

PEOPLE: **Sing praise to the LORD, you His godly ones, and praise the mention of His holiness.**

Leader: *His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.*

*Hymn #268 *"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"*

Prayer of Confession (in unison): *(from Valley of Vision)*

O God of Grace, in my Christian walk I am still in rags. My best prayers are **stained with sin**. I need to **repent of my repentance**; I need **my tears to be washed**; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness. ... Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

Private Prayers (silently before God)

Words of Assurance *Luke 7:44-50*

***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): *Westminster Catechism*

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

***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 #385** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message John 20:8-18
"Why are you weeping?" (page 906)

***Sending Hymn #21** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Benediction & Response

Christ is alive! 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 #70** *"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
On thee the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, To the great God Triune.

2 On thee, at the Creation, The light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee our Lord, victorious, The Spirit sent from heaven;
And thus on thee, most glorious, A triple light was given.

3 New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One. Amen.

***Hymn #268** *"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"*

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love which cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, dear children, And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But He hath brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh I will not cast him out."
O welcome voice of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which calls us, very sinners, Unworthy though we be
Of love so free and boundless, To come, dear Lord, to Thee. Amen.

***Hymn #385** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn #21** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sun-ward In the triumph song of life. Amen.

Announcements

- 1) **This Wednesday** (Nov. 25) at 7:00 p.m., join our Thanksgiving Eve annual service with Solid Rock. The gathering will be at Big Creek this year. Please note the following guidelines:
 - a) **Masks** are strongly suggested
 - b) **Social distancing** is in effect (with marked pews)
 - c) **Radio audio** will be broadcast to the parking lot
 - d) **No nursery** services; children are welcome in worship
- 2) Bible study has ended for the Fall semester. We plan to resume with a new study on Wednesday evenings in February 2021.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end
is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

The Word of God,
which is contained in the Scriptures
of the Old and New Testaments,
is the only rule to direct us
how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

Q3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach
what man is to believe concerning God
and what duty God requires of man.



The Westminster Shorter Catechism (written in 1600s England) consists of brief questions and answers as a concise confession of the truths of the Christian faith according to the Scriptures. This is a modern English adaptation of the original.