

BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

October 17, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Hymn of Praise #140

“Rejoice the Lord Is King”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 30)

Leader: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

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

Leader: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol. You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to the LORD and give thanks to His Holy Name.**

Leader: For His anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*Hymn #64

“Abide With Me”

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Risen Lord Jesus, Your mercy and power are great. Even the cords of death cannot bind You. Forces of darkness bend before You, the Light of the World. Yet I **fail to hope in You**. I confess I have trusted in my **own strength**, in my **own wisdom**, in my **own ways**. My sin is great. Yet You, my God, are greater. Your death is my life, Your resurrection is my peace, Your ascension is my hope, as You intercede for me at the right hand of the Father.

Private Prayers (silently before God)

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 1:3-4

*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 #209

“Thine Is the Glory”

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message

Hosea 12-13

(pages 758-759)

*Sending Hymn #339

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Benediction & Response

Christ is King. 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 #140 "Rejoice the Lord is King"**

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph ever more:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 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, again I say, rejoice!

3 He all His foes shall quell, Shall all our sins destroy,
And every bosom swell With pure seraphic joy:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.

***Hymn #64 "Abide with Me"**

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

***Hymn #209 "Thine Is the Glory"**

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above. *[Refrain]*
Amen.

***Sending Hymn #339 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more. (2x)

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. (2x)

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee. (2x) Amen.

Announcements

- 1) **Next Sunday** (Oct. 24) please bring a dish to share in a carry-in dinner after worship. We'll also celebrate the upcoming wedding of Emma Foreman to Hunter Baggett. If you'd like to contribute toward a gift for the couple, please give those to Paula by **today**.
- 2) If you'd like to give toward last week's special offering toward Mid-America Presbytery church planting, please give those to Ann.
- 3) Mark your calendars for upcoming holiday gatherings.
 - a) **Thanksgiving Eve:** November 24 at 7:00 p.m. hosted *here* in partnership with Solid Rock Baptist Church
 - b) **Christmas Candlelight Service:** December 19 at 7:00 p.m. *here*

A note to parents:

We're always glad when kids join us in the sanctuary to worship God! While nursery services are still on hold for health safety, parents may keep kids with them in the sanctuary, in the downstairs nursery space, or in the balcony upstairs any time during the worship service.



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 52: How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?

Christ's exaltation in His resurrection began with His body not decaying, since it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. On the third day, He rose again from the dead by His own power and in the very same body with all its essential qualities in which He had suffered (but it was not subject to death and the other infirmities associated with this life), and it was truly united to His soul. By His resurrection, He plainly declared Himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have conquered death as well as him who holds the power of death, and to be Lord of the living and the dead. He did all this as a general representative of humanity and as Head of His church in order to justify believers, make them alive in His grace, support them against their enemies, and assure them that they too will be resurrected from the dead at the last day.

The Westminster Larger 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.