

Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 29, 2021

Angels no more have wings than they have fins or gills.
They are painted with wings to symbolize their job as heavenly messengers.

So we shouldn't take seriously the idea that angels get their wings
after passing some tests, like Clarence in *It's a Wonderful Life*.
Frank Capra was a great movie maker, but he never claimed
to be a great theologian.
~Peter Kreeft~



The Liberation of St. Peter
Antonio de Bellis, 1640

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Worship in Song

10,000 Reasons

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

All: Praise the Lord! PRAISE the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

People: Praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

Leader: Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

People: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

All: We praise the LORD for the generosity of the Gospel which is
proclaimed in Holy Scripture: For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

Praying Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my Soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

People: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

People: He made known his ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

People: For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Leader: As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

People: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

Leader: With those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise

the LORD, O my soul.

Worship in Song

His Mercy Is More

Revelation's Vision

Revelation 5:6-14

Leader: I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center before the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.

People: The lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Leader: And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying:

People: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God members of every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Leader: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

People: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Leader: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

People: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!! The four living creatures said, AMEN, and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Offering & Worship in Song

Hymn Of The Ages

The Lord Be With You

The Word Of The Lord

Acts 12:1-19

Song of Preparation

And Can It Be? #347

Message

Confession of Sin

God of grace, you have promised to be with us until the end of age. Yet, we don't walk in confidence. Instead, we walk cautiously, fearful of where you might lead. We don't always answer when you call, investing ourselves in our own plans instead of yours. Forgive us we pray. Draw us near to you. Remind us of your constant love and ever present faithfulness. May we find courage to walk boldly in your name. Hear us as we sing the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father . . .

The Lord's Supper & Worship in Song

Let Us Break Bread
Together #460
I Stand Amazed #348

Common Confession

Colossians 1:15-23

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In Jesus Christ all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. Jesus Christ is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the church; Jesus Christ is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. We were alienated from God and were enemies in our minds because of our evil behavior. But now the Father has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if we continue in faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel we heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.
AMEN

Worship in Song

How Great Thou Art #147

Benediction

Postlude