Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Those who like their religion, or indeed their friendships, served at medium temperature may find Paul's personality hard to take: at once eager and vulnerable, both bold and (in his own words) "in your face" and then liable to serious self-doubt ("Was it all for nothing?"). One might suppose that, as a friend, he was, as we say, high maintenance, though the reward would be high performance.

~N.T. Wright~



Saint Paul, 16th Century

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Worship in Song

Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

Call To Worship

Leader: We gather together to worship our God. God guides us and stays

beside us as we journey through life.

People: We trust God in our pain and trials, and in our joy and celebration.

Leader: We praise God who is our ever-present hope. We can rely on his

promises.

People: God leads us in paths of justice and peace.

Leader: God defends the needy and the poor.

People: Blessed be the Lord who does wonderful things! Leader: Blessed be our God, our Hope and Deliverer! People: Let us tell the story of God's great love for all!

Worship in Song My Story

Praying Psalm 107:1-16, 22

- Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

 Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.
- People: Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.
- Leader: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city Where they could settle.
- People: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
- Leader: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, because they rebelled against the words of God and despised the plans of the Most High.
- People: So he subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.
- Leader: He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron.
- People: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Worship in Song I Am Redeemed

The Gospel of Christ Revelation 12:10-12; Romans 8

Leader: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.

People: For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Leader: They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;

they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

People: Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

because the devil has gone down to you!

Leader: He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.

People: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or

hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or

or sword?

Leader: As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are

considered as sheep to be slaughtered. "

People: NO, in all these things we are more than overcomers through him

who love us.

Leader: For I am convinced that neither death nor life,

People: Neither angels nor demons,

Leader: Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

People: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able

to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering & Worship in Song

Nothing But The Blood

The Lord Be With You

The Commissioning of Jayn Moore

The Word of the Lord Acts 13:1-12

Song of Preparation I Will Change Your Name

Message

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father . . .

The Lord's Supper & Worship in Song

Come As You Are

Common Confession

New Creation In Christ

In Christ we are a new creation, the old has gone the new has come. We are the salt of the earth. We are the children of God. We are the friends of Christ. We are slaves of righteousness. We are joint heirs with Christ, sharing his inheritance. We are temples of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in us. We are members of Christ's body. We are reconciled to God and ministers of reconciliation. We are saints in Christ Jesus. We are prisoners of Jesus Christ. We are citizens of Heaven. We are hidden with Christ in God. We are chosen by God, holy and dearly loved. We are people of light and not of darkness. We are a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession. We are an enemy of the devil. We are the adopted children of The Father, siblings of Jesus Christ. We are born of God and no one can pluck us out of the Father's hand. In Christ we are a new creation, the old has gone the new has come. We choose to believe what the Father tells us about who we are. AMEN

Worship in Song

My Light House

Benediction

Postlude