

October 10 & 11, 2020

# unchanging truth. changing lives

**Alexandria Presbyterian Church** is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

■ **call to worship** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

*Isaiah 57:15*

<sup>15</sup>For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

■ **prayer of adoration**

■ **song of praise**

**Come Ye Sinners**

Come ye sinners poor and wretched—Weak and wounded—sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you—Full of pity joined with power  
He is able—He is able—He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy—come and welcome—God’s free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance—Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money—without money—Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden—Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you’re better you will never come at all  
Not the righteous not the righteous—Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger—Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you this He gives you—’Tis the Spirit’s rising beam

Lo—The Incarnate God ascended—Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him—venture wholly—Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus—none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good

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■ **hymn of praise**

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** *(Saturday only)*

Come Thou Fount of every blessing—Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the name—I’m fixed upon it—Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me—Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart—oh take and seal it—Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen—How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come my Lord no longer tarry—Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last

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## ■ **scripture reading** | *Ben and Liz Crowley*

*Isaiah 61*

### **The Year of the Lord's Favor**

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;  
<sup>6</sup>but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;  
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,  
and in their glory you shall boast.  
<sup>7</sup>Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.

<sup>8</sup>For I the Lord love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

## ■ congregational prayer

## ■ offertory prayer | *Deacon David Williams (Sunday only)*

## ■ presentation of tithes and offerings *(Sunday only)*

## ■ sermon scripture reading

*Matthew 5:1-12*

### **The Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

### **The Beatitudes**

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

■ **sermon** | *Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor*

“**Living a Blessed Life**” *Sermon series: The Sermon on the Mount*

■ **song of response**

**Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away—Slain for us—and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life—And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace—Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ—Torn for you—eat and remember

The wounds that heal—the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life—And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love—Around the table of the King

■ **sacrament of the lord’s supper** (*Saturday only*)

***Explanation, Invitation, Participation***

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted into the church as communicant members are invited to participate as well. If you have any questions, please ask one of our pastors or elders. A gluten free option is available.*

■ **song of response**

**Behold the Lamb**

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin—Shed for you—drink and remember

He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God

So we share in this bread of life—And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace—Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering—We proclaim—Christ will come again

And we’ll join in the feast of heaven—Around the table of the King

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■ **benediction**

■ **announcements**

**Giving at a Glance (July 1 - September 30, 2020)**

Giving: \$413,845

Budget: \$442,000

Difference: \$28,155 Percentage: 94%