



## **Vespers Service**

**July 4, 2021**

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*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa*  
*Born by grace in 1885*

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**Welcome & Invitation to Worship**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**Songs of Praise**

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming  
flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope  
and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be  
found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before  
the throne. *Refrain*

**O, You Bring**

O, you bring hope to the hopeless, and light to those in the  
darkness, and death to life --now I'm alive! O, you give peace to the  
restless, and joy to homes that are broken, I see you now; in you  
I'm found!

And you opened the door for me, and you laid down Your life to set  
me free! All that I am will serve you, Lord.

O, you fill those who are empty, and rescue those in the valley, and through it all you calm my soul. O now, you find me in my weakness and heal the wounds of my heartache, I worship you in spirit and truth!

*And you opened the door for me, and you laid down Your life to set me free! All that I am will serve you, Lord. And You opened my eyes to see all the wonder and awe of Christ in me. Jesus, You're everything I need.*

All honor, all glory, all praise to You. All honor, all glory, all praise to You. All honor, all glory, all praise to You. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Response**

We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin; what we have done, what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way. Like wandering sheep, we have gone astray. We're truly sorry and we turn back. Now, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ...

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue; thy free grace alone from the first to the last has won my affection and bound my soul fast!

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here --sin would reduce me to utter despair; But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived and He that first made me still keeps me alive!

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart which wonders to feel it's own hardness depart; dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great father of mercies, Thy goodness I own in the covenant love, Thy crucified Son; All praise to the spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine. All praise to the spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

### **Affirmation of Faith**      The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Second Reading**    1 Peter 1:1-2

**The Sermon**    Chosen, Royal, and Holy: Living as God's People in Exile  
*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect  
exiles of the Dispersion..." (1 Peter 1:1a)*

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

## **Songs of Response**

### **The Stand**

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand; You spoke the earth into motion; my soul now to stand. You stood before my failure and carried the cross for my shame; my sin weighed upon Your shoulders; my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

So I'll walk upon salvation; Your Spirit alive in me; my life to declare Your promise; my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned; in awe of the One who gave it all. I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered; all I am is Yours!

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

## **The Charge and Benediction**