



## **Vespers Service**

**August 1, 2021**

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

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**Welcome & Invitation to Worship**

**Songs of Praise**

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise, come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart; one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night; come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith; come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age, "our God is all in all!" *Refrain*

Called Me Higher

I could just sit; I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness, hope to feel Your presence. And I could just stay; I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You; hope to feel something again.

*But You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will lead me Lord. You have called me higher; You*

*have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me Lord;  
where You lead me.*

I could hold on; I could hold on to who I am and never let You change me from the inside. I could be safe; oh I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home; never let these walls down.

*Refrain*

I will be Yours; oh, I will be Yours for all my life. I will be Yours; oh, I will be Yours for all my life. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Response**

### **Boldly I Approach**

By grace alone, somehow I stand where even angels fear to tread; invited by redeeming love, before the throne of God above. He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands, into His everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart and Satan tempts me to despair, I hear the voice that scatters fear; The Great I Am, The Lord, is here. O praise the One who fights for me and shields my soul eternally.

*Boldly, I approach Your throne; blameless now, I'm running home;  
by Your blood I come, welcomed as Your own, into the arms of  
Majesty.*

Behold the bright and risen Son, more beauty than this world has known; I'm face to face with Love Himself; His perfect spotless righteousness. A thousand years, a thousand tongues are not enough to sing His praise. *Refrain*

This is the art of celebration, knowing we're free from condemnation; O praise the One; praise the One, who made an end to all my sin! *Refrain*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **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 New Testament Reading**    1 Peter 2:11-12

**The Sermon**      The Church's Witness in Exile      Rev. Dan Hutchinson  
*Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. (1 Peter 2:12)*

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

### **Song of Response**

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, what you require of me: love my neighbor as myself and You above all things.

*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God. In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.*

It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the world. The truth will set us free. *Refrain.*

It's beauty for ashes. It's mourning to dancing. It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown. Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows. *Refrain.*



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