

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Tough Questions Christians Face

Christ saves sinners like us to serve as a light that directs others to Him. Fulfilling this call requires us to answer difficult questions such as: Is Jesus the only way to Heaven? Do Christians believe in evolution? Isn't Christianity just a psychological crutch? If God is sovereign, are we really free? During this semester-long series, we will attempt to address these and other questions by offering biblical answers.

SINGING HIS PRAISE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed, Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

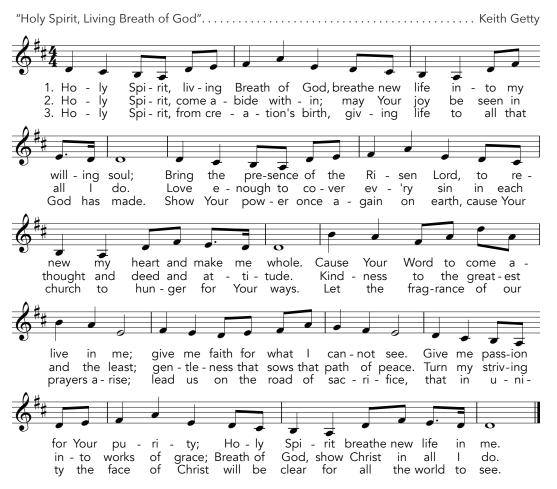
Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee; Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Worshipers at the end of a row should pass the collection bag to those in the row behind them.



GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Jonathan Sessions

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why Would a Loving God Send People to Hell?

Dick Cain
Pastoral Team Leader

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and blood flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross All who gather here, by grace draw near And bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of Nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Chorus

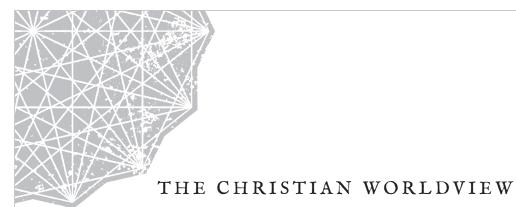
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SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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