



BUCKS COUNTY
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

November 22, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” —Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

PRAISE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Verse 1

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.
—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

—Isaiah 1:18, NRSV

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:1-6

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

SERMON

Test the Spirits

Pastor Peter Pak

OFFERING & RESPONSE SONG

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How Deep the Father's Love

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to pray for our Senior Pastor, the Elders and Pastoral Staff.
- **Community Group:** All our groups will be meeting for the 5th time. We only have 3 more meetings planned for the rest of 2020. But it's not too late to join for the last 3 meetings. May the Lord continue to bless your commitment to this community of believers in Christ.
- **New PA Travel Guidelines:** As was sent out on Friday in a ministry newsletter, PA has new travel guidelines. We need everyone to continue being understanding and responsible in their decision to come to in-person service, and although the new travel guidelines were put in place to discourage travel during the holidays, we will not be requiring anyone to get a COVID-test to attend in-person service.
- **Please check your Spam folder.** We've had many members asking about the newsletter or the registration form, and although we sometimes do forget to send things out on time, we've also found that emails from church might be ending up in your spam folder. So please check if that's happening and move them into your regular email folder, and clicking on the emails will also help keep our emails from eventually going back into the Spam folder.
- **2020 Bible Reading Plan:** Deacon Peter Kim leads an online Bible reading community. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Deacon Peter Kim.
- **Online Giving:** Please go to <https://www.bcpcem.org/give>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Peter.

BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.