



BUCKS COUNTY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

November 29, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
— Psalm 95:6-7, ESV

PRAISE

Defender

Verse 1

A torrent of destruction hid
My darkened soul from rescuing
I cried to God for help, he heard my voice
The tainted earth, it rocked and reeled
The heavens bowed, the mountains kneeled
The thunderous voice of God my covering

Prechorus

I will not be afraid
For my hope is in His name

Chorus

Who is a rock but our God
Who's blood has sealed our freedom
Jesus, our Savior, Defender, Redeemer

Verse 2

He brought me to a safer place
Equipped my hands and feet with strength
So I advance with confidence in Christ
His precious truth delivers me
From lies that wage a war in me
Your victory is mine for all my days

Bridge

You kneel down to raise me up
You my Lord, you my God
You rescue me with reckless love
Oh my Lord, oh my God

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. —based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER

There are many times we think we love You well, O God. But upon hearing Your call to love You with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for You is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for You; in grace rekindle our love for You in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

—Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-11

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

SERMON

God Is Love

Pastor Peter Pak

OFFERING & RESPONSE SONG

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Grace Alone

Verse 1

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

Chorus

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

Verse 2

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

Verse 3

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

Chorus 3

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

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.
- **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.bcpccm.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.