



BUCKS COUNTY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

November 8, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

PRAISE

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER

Almighty God and loving Father, We thank you for placing us in covenant relationships, in homes and families and friendships. Forgive us for taking our vows and promises lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of family life, for misdirected love and for divorces entered lightly, for failing to give time to our families, for failing to teach and live by your values, for neglecting and hurting our children. Jesus, our heavenly brother, teach us every day to love and serve, to cherish and protect those with whom we live. In Your name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

—Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:11-18

11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

SERMON

Laying Down Our Lives in Love

Pastor Peter Pak

OFFERING & RESPONSE SONG

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My Hope Is In the Cross

Verse 1

Long have I been seeking refuge in
The fleeting joys of sin
This wandering heart was lost in shame
Yet thought it knew the way

Verse 2

Though my heart rebels at every turn
God, You do not turn away
Lord, You looked upon my helpless state
And suffered in my place

Chorus
My hope is in the cross
I'm saved and loved by Christ, my Savior
You know all of my ways yet still You
Choose the cross, pursue my heart to death

Verse 3
When my soul is full of troubled times
When the darkness closes in
Lord, You seek me in my brokenness
Gently lead me back to You

Bridge
Oh love that won't relent!
Our King laid down His life to save us
Oh grace that draws us in!
Hallelujah, Christ, our King is risen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to pray for our Senior Pastor, the Elders and Pastoral Staff.
- **Relaunch of Community Group:** All our groups will be entering the 4th meeting cycle. If you are interested in joining a group, it's not too late. If there's a schedule conflict with the group you've been placed in, please let Pastor Peter know. May the Lord continue to bless your commitment to this community of believers in Christ.
- **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.