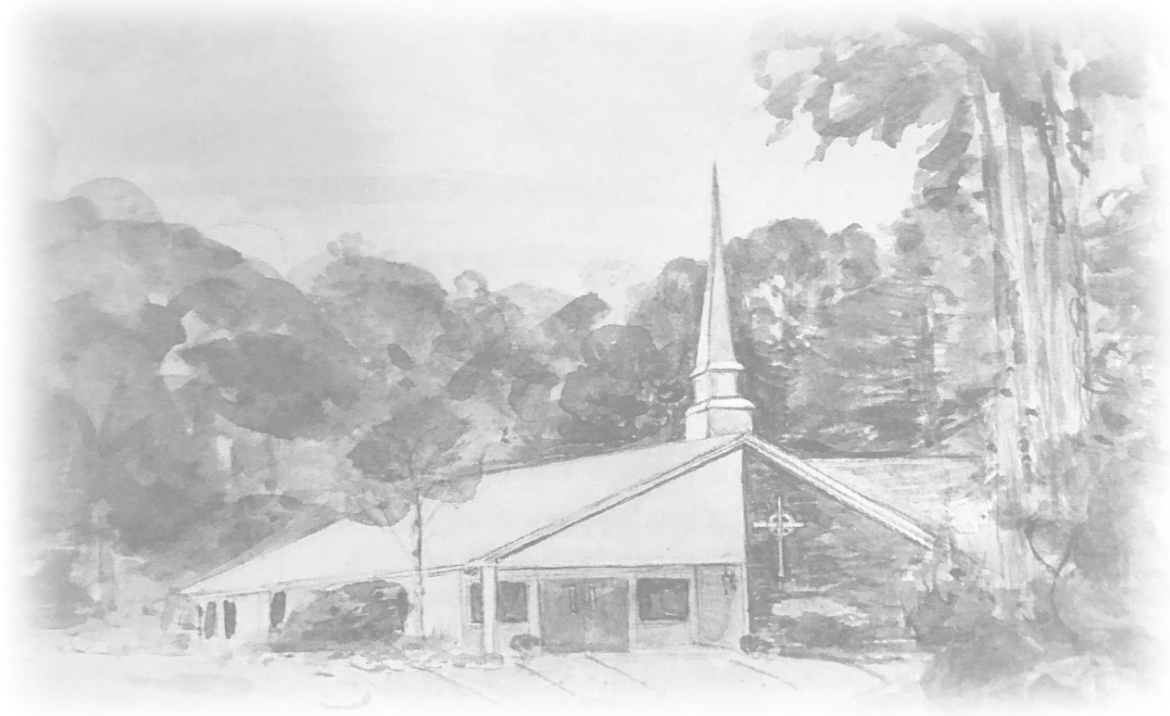


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Psalm 122:1

The Lord's Day

June 21, 2020

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

Morning Worship 10:00 am – Afternoon Study 4:30 pm

We welcome you to the Lord's house, to the worship of the living and true God, and into the fellowship of this congregation.

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM AS OUR GOD

Psalm 115:2-13

A PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 115A – Not to Us, Lord, Not to us

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Larger Catechism 7

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth.

A PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 105C (Stanzas 1-3) – O Praise the Lord, His Deeds Make Known

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Heavenly Father and King, we come to you today as people who would rather govern our own lives than submit to your rule and shepherding. Instead of bowing down in reverence, full of awe and wonder that you the almighty creator King of the universe should stoop so low to love and care for us, we often treat you as a servant who should do our bidding and meet all our desires. Instead of honoring the wonderful and merciful Father that you are to us, we run from your goodness and love toward the false and dangerous hopes of our desires and idolatries. Our inability to discipline our wandering ways results in incredible brokenness in our lives and relationships. Our families, friends and coworkers have often become the recipients as well as the source of our sin and pain. Holy Spirit, we are utterly feeble and weak and we need your power at work in us. Help us to know and worship our God as he is, our King and Father who loves us passionately in the middle of our perverse foolishness. Press

the truth of your gospel deep into our souls so that we see the work of our triune God. The Father, the radiant Potentate of time and the lover of our souls. Jesus, the Man of Sorrows, humble, weary, bleeding for us but at the same time the glorious Lamb upon the throne, crowned with many crowns and worshiped by angelic hosts, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life who is graciously at work in our hearts and lives. Cause us to know and feel God's great love for us until we are transformed into people who love others deeply because of a great sense of our own need and an undeniable sense of our forgiveness and adoption. Open our lips to join the heavenly worship service and sing praises to our heavenly King today, tomorrow and forevermore. Amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly but the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Psalm 138:6–8

A PSALM OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Psalm 130A (Stanzas 2 & 3) – Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Isaiah 40:9-31

Pew Bible Pg. 762

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

OUR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY TO GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Old Hundred L.M. (587)*

PREPARING WITH PRAISE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 224 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Job 9:4-13

Pew Bible Pg. 535

Job's Tribute to God's Wisdom and Strength

Pastor James A. La Belle

OUTLINE

Job 9.4-13--Job's Tribute to God's Wisdom and Strength

God is wise and strong, v.4

I. God is wise in heart and mighty in strength, Rom 11.33-36; Jer 32.17. Clearly, man is too foolish to judge God's works and too weak to challenge God's might. Knowing this, Job is in no way trying to charge God with wrong (recall Job 1.21; 2.10).

The wisdom and strength of God in creation, vv.5-10
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- I. The wisdom and strength of God are on display in His creation.
- A. God's strength over the mountains, Ps 97; 106; 114; Hab 3; Isa 40. Nothing can equal this divine might.
 - B. God's strength over the earth, Isa 51.16. Having founded the earth, surely God has the power to shake it.
 - C. God's strength over the sun, Ps 19. For how massive and commanding the sun is, it's a tool in God's hands.
 - D. God's strength over the stars, Ps 8
 - E. God's strength in stretching out the heavens, Isa 45.12; 48.13
 - F. God's strength trampling on the waves of the sea, Gen 7; Ex 14
 - G. God's wisdom in designing and clustering the various constellations for our pleasure and use, Amos 5.8
- II. In the face of God's hard providences against him, Job's encomium testifies to his reverence for God and evidences both his godliness (Job 1.8) and his innocence (Job 6.30).

The wisdom and strength of God in providence, vv.11-13

- I. Three things about God's ways that show how ludicrous it is to think any man could ever call God to account for His actions.
 - A. The sheer mystery of God's ways, Ps 77.19. All we see is second causes. We have no place from which to judge God's works.
 - B. God's absolute, incontestable sovereignty, cf. 1.21; 2.10; Dan 4.35
 1. God has the right to do what He will with His creation.
 2. God's might is such that none can undo what He did.
 3. God's station is such that He's not at all obligated to give anyone a reason for His actions.
 - C. The irresistible power of God, Ps 2
- II. All in all, Job's arguing that he was in no way trying to call God to account for what He'd done in his life. His cries to heaven are not the presumptuous cries of a creature who doesn't know his place.
- III. We're left to echo Job's tribute and say with the prophets, "Who is a God like our God!?" (Isa 40.18). He made the heavens and the earth and there is none like Him (Ex 8.10), so infinitely above man's scrutiny, so far above being charged with wrong, and so worthy of worship, love, and honor.

Reflections for Application

- I. Who ever hardened himself against God and won (v.4)?
 - A. All the opposition given to God is but setting briars and thorns before a consuming fire, Rev 12; Jude 6; Ex 14; Isa 37. Can weakness take on omnipotence? Can ignorance take on omniscience?
 - B. Let this be a lesson to us all. All our resistance to God will end in our own ruin.
 1. It's utter madness to harden yourself against God because He will have His way with you.
 2. Better to stand against an army of 10 million devils than against the one, true, and living God, cf. Lk 14.31-32
 - C. Believers can be guilty of hardening themselves against God too, Heb 3.12
 1. If that's what you're doing, you must know that it can't end well. God will take away your peace, joy, comfort, blessings, and whatever else, to convince you of the folly of your choice and mercifully drive you back into His arms.
 2. So let's pray for submissive, trusting hearts, hearts that rest in God's arms rather than wrestle with God's ways.
- II. See what a great encouragement this passage is to trust God.
 - A. He is the all-wise God and the almighty God. Whatever He does is right and good. We can rejoice in His every providence.
 - B. What an incentive this is to entrust your all into His hands! He can't wrong you. He can't let you down. He can't fail.
 - C. Here's the greatest impetus you could have to your courage, your faith, your joy, your hope, and your comfort. Repent of your sins against so great and good a God and rejoice that His wisdom, His strength, and His all, are all for you.

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 215 – Give to Our God Immortal Praise

OUR LORD'S BENEDICTION

HIS CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity. The whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. - McKee CM

We extend a **cordial welcome** to the visitors in our service today.

Sunday Evening Sermon: **Philippians 1:27-30 A Worthy Life in Christ – Derrick Leitão**

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, June 24th, 6:30pm

Birthdays this week:

June 21st Pamela Johnson

June 23rd William Peters

Anniversaries:

The missionaries for this month – Dr. Jim and Jenny Knox, Mbale, Uganda

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