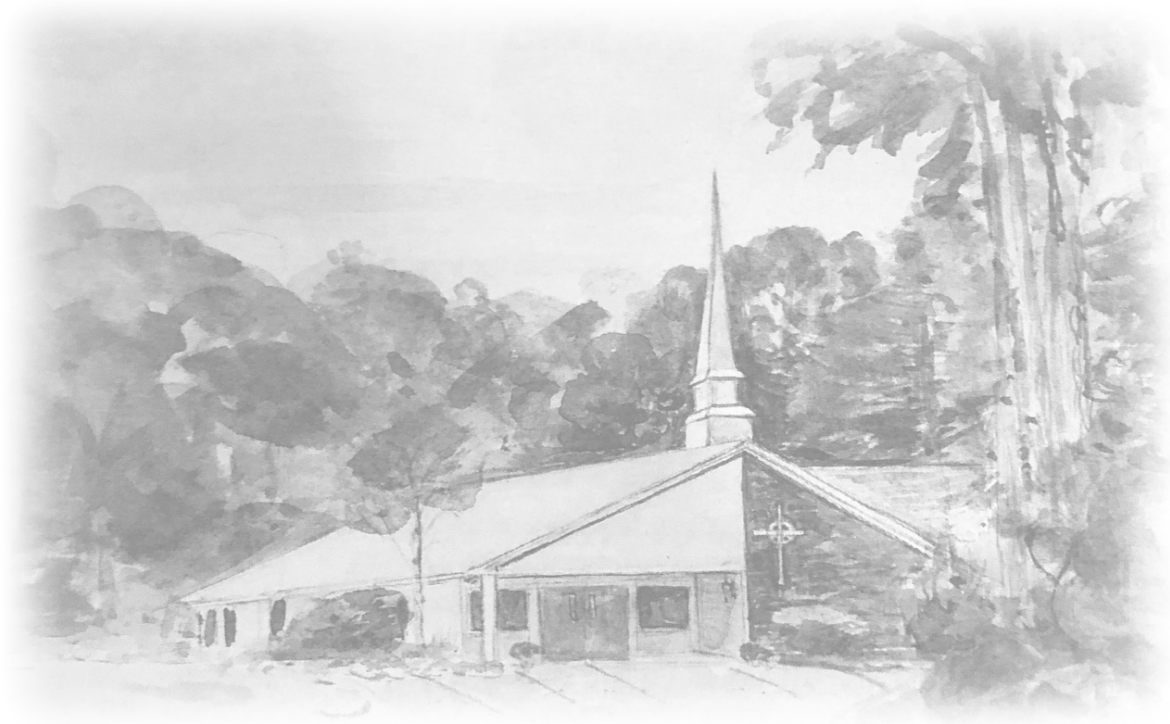


Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



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

The Lord's Day

July 5, 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 113

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 248 -All Creatures of Our God and King

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Short Catechism 1

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

A PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 48A – Great is the Lord Our God (Stanzas 4-6)

OUR RESPONSIVE READING OF GOD'S LAW

The Ten Commandments (see insert)

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD

Loving heavenly Father, forgive us for our arrogant boastfulness and self-confidence. We are constantly seeking to build our own kingdoms or to seek your kingdom in ways that lift us up instead of submitting to your authority in everything. We easily believe that we know better than you and that our plans are wiser than yours as if we were equal to you, the Creator of the universe instead of being fallen, sinful creatures. We hate humbling ourselves and would far rather exalt ourselves shouting our own glories from the rooftops. We want people to bow their knees to us and to do our every bidding instead of submitting ourselves to you. Holy Spirit, thank you for raising Christ from the dead and exalting him to the right hand of the Father, restoring him to his rightful glory. Bow our knees before Jesus in adoring wonder and praise. Help us to learn how we may decrease so that he may increase. Teach us how to point people away from ourselves and toward him all the days of our lives. In his glorious name we pray, amen.

A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED

For this reason the Father loves me because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father. John 10:17–18

A HYMN OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn 175 - Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight (Stanzas 3-5)

SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON

Philippians 2: 1-8

Pew Bible Pg. 1248

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 Hundreth L.M. (587)*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Job 9:14-15

Pew Bible Pg. 535

Being Humbled Before God

Pastor James A. La Belle

OUTLINE

Job 9.14-15—Being Humbled before God

Job would not debate with God

I. *How then can I...?*

- A. He's comparing himself with all the mighty and powerful creatures of vv.5-9.
 - 1. For all the strong things Job has said in Chps 3, 6-7, it never entered into his heart to quarrel with God.
- B. Who is Job to question his Creator? cp. Rom 9.20-21

Job would not stand upon his own righteousness

I. *Though I'm in the right, I cannot answer Him.*

- A. Job knew that God knew Job better than Job knew himself.
 - B. It's foolish for any man to try and hold to any claim of inherent righteousness before God, Ps 130.3
- II. Then what did God mean in 2.3?
- A. Job is righteous before men, and no hypocrite.
 - B. But Job is not sinlessly righteous before God.

Job knew his place before God and looked for mercy

I. *I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.*

- A. Job knew that if God were to judge him according to the rigors of His justice, he'd be undone. So he was resolved to humble himself before the strong and sovereign hand of God and appeal for mercy
 - B. He refused to debate with God. He didn't dare try and vindicate himself before God. His only recourse was God's mercy.
- II. All in all, Job was a humbled man. God said he was the most godly in all the earth (1.1, 8; 2.3) and we see this godliness beautifully on display in his humility.

Applying the passage to ourselves
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- I. Humility has a right view of God. It was a right view of God's greatness that humbled Job (vv.2-13; 42.5-6)
- A. The reason men are so full of pride is because they're

strangers of God, Ps 50.21; cf Ex 5.2!

- B. Job no more abhorred himself than when he sat in absolute awe of God, cf. Isa 6.5; Lk 5.8; 2Sam 7.18
- C. If we want to infallibly know whether we've got a clear, saving view of God, let us answer this question in His presence: What is my view of myself? (cf. Rom 12.3)
- II. Humility has a right view of self. No man ever received a better commendation from God than Job, and yet no man saw himself as low as Job.
 - A. So how do you see *yourself*, especially in relation to others?
 - 1. Under them, with Paul and David (Eph 3.8; 2Sam 7.18)?
 - 2. Or over them, with the Pharisee (Lk 18.11-12)?
 - B. It's vain to claim that we're humble before God and that we have a due sense of our spiritual poverty before God, if our conduct toward men is filled with pride and arrogance.
 - C. Our progress in holiness will always be safely measured by our progress in humility before God, which will always be most evident in our humility before others.
- III. Humility has a right view of gifts. Job knew that whatever righteousness he had was a gift from God and not his own work.
 - A. This was something of which Paul had to remind the Corinthians, 1Cor 4.7
 - B. How have you responded to *your* gifts? And more particularly, how have you handled those gracious distinctions by which God has caused you to differ from others?
 - 1. Have they made you proud? Given you a big head? Caused you to look down on others? Made you critical of others?
 - 2. It's not a sin to be better at something than others; but it is a sin when we take the praise for it and think ourselves better than others because of it.
- IV. Assuming the primacy of the grace of faith, humility is the chief grace of the Christian life.
 - A. For we are no more living to God and no more saved than we are humble before God and man.
 - B. Also, humility is the chief grace of the Christian life because it's the most glorious mark of our Saviour, Mt 20.28; Jn 6.38; Phil 2.8

Therefore, whatever grace and growth we're praying for, nothing comes to us but by a humble spirit, for God opposes the proud, but He gives grace—abundant grace—to the humble (Js 4.6).

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 533 – Have Thy Own Way, Lord!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

DEACON'S OFFERING

RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S GRACE & MERCY

Hymn 265 – In Christ Alone

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: Hymn-sing and picnic

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, July 8th, 6:30pm

Birthdays this week:

July 7th William Peters

July 8th Tim Jones

July 10th Van Jones

The missionaries for this month – Mark and Jeni Richline,
Montevideo, Uruguay

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noon on Wednesdays. Please e-mail to
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