

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)**

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### **Moments of Meditation**

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:23-24

*Here I am to Worship*

arr. Tornquist

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 63:1-5

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Thy God Reigneth!*

No. 69 vs. 1, 2, & 5

Hymn of the Month – melody on next page of bulletin

*Thy God Reigneth!*



Trem - bling soul, be - set\_\_ by\_\_ fears, "Thy God reign-eth!"  
Sin - ful soul, thy debt is\_\_ paid, "Thy God reign-eth!"  
Church of Christ, a - wake, a - wake! "Thy God reign-eth!"



Look a - bove and dry thy\_\_ tears: "Thy God reign-eth!"  
On the Lord, thy sins were laid, "Thy God reign-eth!"  
For - ward, then, fresh cour - age take: "Thy God reign-eth!"



Though thy foes with pow're as - sail, naught a - gainst thee shall pre-vail;  
On the cross of Cal - va - ry, Je - sus shed His blood for thee,  
Soon, de - scend - ing from\_\_ His throne. He shall claim thee for\_\_ His own;



trust in Him, He'll nev - er\_\_ fail: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"  
from all sin to set\_\_ thee free: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"  
sin shall then be o - ver - thrown: "Thy God reign-eth, thy God reign-eth!"

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

Joel 2:18-29

## Prayer of Confession

Congregation on bold print

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.**

Forgive us for sinful thoughts and attitudes.

*...time of silent prayer...*

Forgive us for our unkind words.

*...time of silent prayer...*

Forgive us for what have done, and for what we have left undone.

*...time of silent prayer...*

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 130:3-4

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you are feared.

Revelation 5:12

<sup>12</sup> “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

**\*Chorus of Thanksgiving**

*Be Unto Your Name*

We are a mo - ment You are for - ev - er Lord of the a - ges,  
We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem - er,  
God be - fore time; We are a va - por You are e - ter - nal  
might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for - ev - er,  
Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high, Ho - ly, ho - ly  
bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.  
Lord God Al - might - y, wor - thy is the lamb Who was slain;  
High - est prais - es hon - or and glo - ry, be un - to Your  
name, be un - to Your name

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**New City Catechism Question # 23**

**Why must the Redeemer be truly God?**

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

**Tithes and Offering**

*God Leads Us Along*

arr. White

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Blessed Assurance*

No. 693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight:  
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**Sermon**

**Showers of Mercy and Floods of Righteousness**

**Titus 3:1-11**

Pew Bible Page 1859

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 32

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REFRAIN:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Postlude**

*I Will Sing of the Mercies*

arr. House

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Piano**

Denise O'Neal

**Scripture Reading & Intercessory Prayer**

Bruce Hrivnak, Elder

### **Weekly Calendar**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
<b>SUN 2/17</b>	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Special Congregational Meeting
<b>MON 2/18</b>	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
<b>WED 2/20</b>	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>THURS 2/21</b>	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University Class
<b>FRI 2/22</b>	6:30 PM	Schoon Care Group
<b>SUN 2/24</b>	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Stoltzfus Care Group
	6:00 PM	Carry-in dinner with missionary Tracy Dager

## Important Upcoming Events

<b>FRI 3/1</b>	7:00 PM	Marriage Seminar
<b>SAT 3/2</b>	9:00 AM	Marriage Seminar
<b>SUN 3/3</b>	9:15 AM	Marriage Seminar (Sunday School)

## Serving the Lord

	2/17	2/24	3/03
S.S. Nursery	L. Hrivnak	B. Hrivnak	J. Marshall
AM Nursery	S. DeGroot	L. Hrivnak	J. Rogers, Emily S.
Greeters	Hrivnak	CL Yonker	Stechly
Bring Treats	Schoon	O'Neal	Lash
Server & Clean-Up	Schoon	O'Neal	Lash
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Hrivnak	Stoltzfus	Lindborg



## Announcements

☞ **Dr. Bryan O'Neal:** We are grateful that Bryan, who is a member of our congregation, has agreed to preach during the month of February. Bryan is the Vice President and Dean of Moody Distance Learning, and Interim Dean of the Moody Undergraduate School.

☞ **Congregational Meeting:** A short congregational meeting has been called for immediately after the worship service this morning. The meeting will include the approval of the actions of the February 6 Annual Corporation meeting since there was not a quorum at this meeting. It will also include the approval of the election of the Pastoral Search Committee as presented by the elders.

☞ **Missionary Visit:** Tracy Dager will be with us next Sunday evening, February 24, sharing about his ministry with the Jerusalem Gateway Project. Please plan to join us and hear about the gospel ministry in a place from which we usually hear about hatred and violence. We will have a carry-in meal at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

☞ **Marriage Seminar:** March 1-3 (Friday evening - Sunday morning) we will be hosting a marriage seminar. The purpose is to strengthen the marriages in our church, among our friends and neighbors, and to help prepare singles for marriage. More details can be found in the printed fliers on the table in the narthex which are available to use to invite others. We desire to provide child care but need help in finding nursery workers. Please contact the church office with suggestions.

☞ **2019 Spring Evening Class:** Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2019 Spring Evening Class led by Dr. Cornelis Venema. The class will be commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Synod of Dort. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings at Mid-America Reformed Seminary on February 21 & 28, and March 7 & 14 at 7:30 pm. The cost is free, and both on-campus and live-stream registration is available online at [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu).