



ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Song of Praise: I Love You (Lord Today)
Text and Music: William Hubbard
Recorded: 02.09.20 ASPC



Greetings from
Paul Carey and Markus Beam

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- Church meeting September 20, 2020
- Big News! Please put a note in the chat to preserve the moment!

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP WITH YOUR HOSTS,

Call To Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,

People: “Let us go into the house of the Lord!”

Leader: We are standing in God’s presence,

People: alert and ready to hear God’s voice.

Leader: The night is passing. The day of salvation is near.

People: We seek to live as people of the light.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

OPENING HYMN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS

TEXT AND MUSIC: MARTIN LUTHER

RECORDED: 09.22.19

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

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3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.

His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of All Seasons, we do not know what lies ahead, but we know we are not alone. We know that You will see us through this season of Coronatide. You are with us as we continue the struggle for justice. You have led us through great trials in the past, and though we have forgotten, the scriptures tell us of the hardships Your people faced and how they survived. We want to trust that we too, will survive this. God of All Time, remind us that You will see us through, that we will live into new struggles, new seasons, new trials, and will help us then, as You have been with us, and are with us now. May we know in this moment that Your presence is with us in our very breath. Now and always, we give thanks and praise to You, O Ancient of Days. Amen.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE - ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

MEDITATION FROM PASTOR CARLA JONES BROWN



RESPONSE TO THE WORD: MORE LOVE TO THEE O CHRIST
TEXT: ELIZABETH PAYSON PRENTISS
MUSIC: WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE RECORDED: 05.28.17

1 More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee! (repeat)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

A BLESSING AND AN INVITATION

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