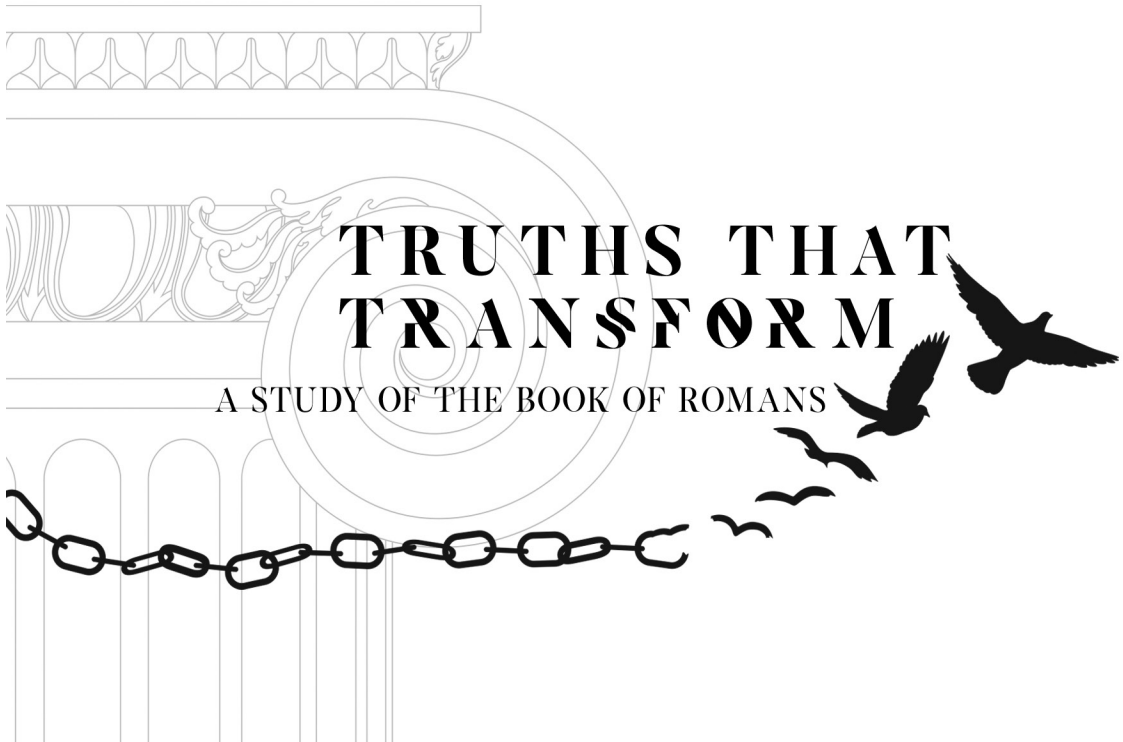




CENTRAL
CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

8:30 Service
February 16, 2020



TRUTHS THAT TRANSFORM

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and we welcome presence of children with their families in worship. Parents of young children are also welcome to use our nursery care (8 wks - 2 yrs), cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 - 1st grade). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need directions.

Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: identity, struggle, growth, Spirit

Prelude

Something Within Me

Naima Wartts, Soloist

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; 103:3-4

Liturgist: Praise the LORD!

All: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Bless the Lord,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

All: *Hallelujah! Amen!*

We praise God

We Come, O Christ, to You
Hymnal #117

Text: Edith Margaret Clarkson, 1946
Tune: John Darwall, 1770

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.*

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from 1 John 1:5-6, 8-9

Liturgist: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: God, our deliverer, you have set us free in Christ from slavery to sin.

All: *But we confess that sin continues to dwell in us.
We struggle because we do not do the good we want to do,
but the evil we do not want is what we keep on doing.
We delight in your law in our inner being,
but our growth is often slow and hard
because sin wages war against our minds and hearts.
So we sin against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, have mercy on us
and deliver us from this body of death.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, help us to embrace our true identity in Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we will live in the true freedom of people brought from death to life. Help us to put to death the sin that remains in us and strengthen our desire for you and for all that is good and right, so that our lives will always be faithful and fruitful.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1-2

Liturgist: God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah! Amen!*

We praise God

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Hymnal #211

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1890
Tune: Thomas John Williams, 1890

SEATED

O For a Closer Walk With God Chancel Choir Ensemble

Text: William Cowper
Tune: C.V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Worship and will return during the offering.

SEATED

We pray for God to help us receive his word

Come Thou Almighty King

Text: *Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1769



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword. Our prayer at - tend!



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - tor - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess. Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

from Romans 7:7-25
(pew Bible p. 943)

God instructs us in preaching

“The War Within”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

How Firm a Foundation

Text: Robert Keen, 1787
Tune: American folk melody

1. How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of
4. "When through fier-y tri-als your path-way shall lie, my grace, all suf-
5. "The soul that on Je-sus has leaned for re- pose, I will not, I
faith in his ex- cel- lent word! What more can he say than to
God and will still give you aid. I'll strength- en you, help you, and
sor- row shall not ov- er- flow. For I will be with you, your
fi- cient, shall be your sup- ply. The flame shall not hurt you; I
will not de- sert to his foes. That soul, though all hell should en-
you he hath said, to you who for ref- uge to Je- sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up held by my right- eous om- ni- po- tent hand.
trou- bles to bless, and sanc- ti- fy to you your deep- est dis- tress.
on- ly de- sign your dross to con- sume and your gold to re- fine.
dea- vour to shake, I'll nev- er, no nev- er, no nev- er for- sake!"

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

SEATED

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread

The communion bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking

Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

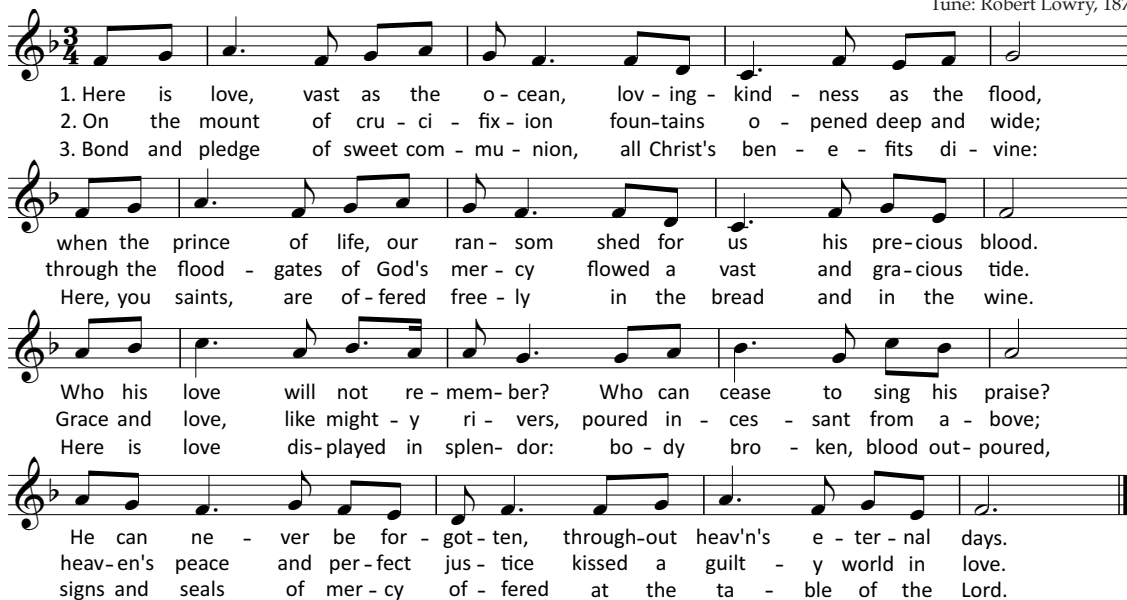
Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please join by singing "Here Is Love" on the following page as communion is being served.

Here Is Love

Text: William Rees, st. 1-2, 1855; tr. William Edwards, 1915;
st. 3 attr. William Williams, 1744
Tune: Robert Lowry, 1876



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion foun-tains o - pened deep and wide;
3. Bond and pledge of sweet com - mu - nion, all Christ's ben - e - fits di - vine:
when the prince of life, our ran - som shed for us his pre - cious blood.
through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.
Here, you saints, are of - fered free - ly in the bread and in the wine.
Who his love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?
Grace and love, like might - y ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;
Here is love dis - played in splen - dor: bo - dy bro - ken, blood out - poured,
He can ne - ver be for - got - ten, through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.
signs and seals of mer - cy of - fered at the ta - ble of the Lord.

We praise God

Psalm 67

Text: trans. James McGranahan, 1890, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1836

1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace,
2. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
3. Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing.

and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your face,
in ev - ery land let prai - ses and songs of glad-ness ring;
Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit will bring.

so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
for you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right-eous - ness,
The LORD our God will bless us, our God will bless-ing send,

and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con - fess.
and all the earth will fear him to its re - mot - est end.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Postlude

Praeludium and Ciacona in C

D. Buxtehude

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