



**BLESSED BE THE GOD
OF ALL CONSOLATION,
WHO CONSOLES US
IN ALL OUR AFFLICTION,**
so that we may be able
to console others

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be our God, the Father of Mercies and the God of consolation, who sees our suffering and offers us compassion, who suffers with us, who does not leave us deserted even when we think we are alone. We are not. We are with God. Let us praise God in the offering of music.

HYMN OF PRAISE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#275

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, If we say we have not sinned we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Please join in the call to confession, quietly praying, Lord in your mercy: **“hear our prayer.”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you a people divided, certain of our righteousness, pretending we are sinless, preferring our team, our camp, our opinions instead of your mercy, kindness, and self- sacrifice. Lord make us less of our worst selves. Lord make us more like Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **“hear our prayer.”**

God of compassion, you know the hardness in our hearts; the angry words we bite back, the acid on our tongues, that even unspoken can poison the soul, and taint every breath with hostility. We spew our rage in hopeless and helpless ways, in sarcasm, careless words, casual barbs. Help us to learn from our anger before it hurts others. Help us to heal from the woundedness we feel. Lord in your mercy, **“hear our prayer.”**

God of the oppressed, we have been the oppressor. God of the hurting, we despair when we recognize our own hand as the one that has harmed. We crush not only others, but ourselves, and in our shame we pretend that we do not see, we refuse to accept the responsibilities that come with blessings We forget that we are saved to be servants, and that every gift from you is meant to pass through us into others. Rescue us again from our sin and selfishness, encourage us to hope and believe change is possible. Lord in your mercy ,**“hear our prayer.”**

Hear us in the silence of our hearts, as we pray for all we have done, and have not done, that was far from your will for our lives. *(pray in silence.)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: as far as the east is from the west, that is how far Christ has removed our transgressions from us. You are forgiven, and you are freed.

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven, **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “His Mercy Is More” Annabel Stavey

SHARING AND HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Marie Mainard-O’Connell

LESSON 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

SERMON Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the LORD’S PRAYER *(please read the bold aloud)*

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you made, we offer our prayers for your church, your earth, and your people.

For your church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all . . .for those who are here, and those who are at home... for those faced with danger at work or in school... for those confined or afraid, for those who have lost work and are in need... God of grace, **hear our prayer**

For those in prison justly or unjustly... for oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that they might know peace . . . For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend . . . God of grace, **hear our prayer**

For the young, that they might be nurtured in love . . .For the old, that they might be secure in your care . . .For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be freed from pain and fearGod of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who fight the demons of addiction, that they might find relief ... For those who face an early death and those they leave behind, that they might be comforted . . . For all of those about whom we worry and those whose troubles are known only to you God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; praying as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Ballard Drive Through Baby Shower Aug 16th, 2:30pm

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Your financial support remains vital to our ability to do ministry. You can give online by going to www.parkhillpres.org and the tab “giving.” You can also mail offerings to: Park Hill Presbyterian, 3520 JFK Blvd, North Little Rock, AR 72116

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance —supplies, bills, prescriptions or hope— please speak directly with Pastor Marie at 214-686-6347 or contact our elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry. Our goal is to aid one another during these strange times.

Offertory “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” Virtual Handbell Choir

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Virtual Choir
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication
God of Love, please accept our gifts of time, talent, and treasures, that they would help do your will in the world, multiplying in size and impact, to share your good news, help those in need, and do the challenging work of changing our world to be more like your kingdom. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING “You Are My All In All” #519
**You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.**
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

PASSING OF THE PEACE
*We honor the touch of God’s grace when we pass the peace of Christ to others.
Today, as you leave your worship space, please “pass the peace”
in a fashion that feels loving and safe to you:
With the ASL handsigns for peace, or with the “peace” sign of two fingers raised, of hands in prayer,
or a phone call or text, saying to someone else,
“I’m calling to wish you peace and love. Peace be with you.”*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
As you go forth into the world, know that the one who thwarted death by his own death, who lives and will never again die, goes with you into the world. You are not alone. Be not afraid.
“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD’s face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

POSTLUDE *(for those physically present, please remain seated until an usher dismisses your row)*