June 19, 2022 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night." Psalm 74:16





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Reverend Patrick McManus

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: All:	Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Leader:	Praise the God and Father of our
	Lord Jesus Christ:
All:	he has given us new life and hope
	by raising Jesus from the dead.
Leader: All:	Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. A light no darkness can extinguish.
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A candle is lit.

Opening Prayer:

Leader:Loving God, we have come to worship you.All:Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise: Good Good Father

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night

And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus:

You're a good, good father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by you It's who I am, it's who I am

Verse 2:

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide 'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

(Chorus)

Bridge:

You are perfect in all of your ways You are perfect in all of your ways You are perfect in all of your ways to us Verse 3:

Love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still Into love love love **(End with Chorus)**

> Bible Reading: Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?'

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Galatia

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

The Talk: *The Reverend Patrick McManus*

Response to God's Word:

After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is. Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
All: Though he was divine,
he did not align to equality with Cod

he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Song of Praise: Think About His Love Don Moen

Chorus:

Think about His love, think about His goodness Think about His grace that's brought us through For as high as the heaven's above So great is the measure of our Father's love Great is the measure of our Father's love

Verse 1:

How could I forget His love How could I forget His mercy He satisfies, He satisfies He satisfies my desires

(Chorus before verse 2)

Verse 2: Even when I've strayed away His love has sought me out and found me He satisfies, He satisfies He satisfies my desires

(Chorus again) (Great is the measure of our Father's love)

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, **your saving power among all peoples.**

Renew your Church in holiness **and help us to serve you with joy.**

Guide the leaders of this and every nation, that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten, **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Make us instruments of your peace **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

For the war in Ukraine and for those who suffer as a result, we pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our hearts and minds this night, (*please name them aloud or silently*)... we entrust them to your care **and pray for your healing, peace and comfort. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We don't always mean to do wrong (sin), but we do. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us and never to remember our sin again.

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Lord God,

All:we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.We are sorry and repent.Have mercy on us according to your love.Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.Amen.

Absolution: God's forgiveness is now confirmed.

Leader: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

> Song of Praise: For You Alone Don Harris

Chorus:

For You alone deserve all glory For You alone deserve all praise Father we worship and adore You Father we long to see Your face For You alone deserve all glory For You alone deserve all praise Father we love You And we worship You this day

Verse:

You are the peace that guards my heart My help in time of need You are the hope that leads me on And brings me to my knees For there are find You waiting And there are find release So with all my heart I worship And unto You I sing

Chorus:

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Closing Prayer:

Gracious God,

All: support us all the day long of this earthly life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, O God, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing (sung):

Go now in peace; go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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