**RPC Home Worship**

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 10 AM**

Below you will find some elements from Sunday worship to be used this morning for worship. This is for singles, couples, and families. We are participating at the same time, in our homes, as a local church and as the Body of Christ, to give Christ our praise and honor. If you have children, be sure to allow them to participate with the readings, prayer, and praise.

**Call to Worship: Taken from Psalm 95**

*Someone Read:*

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also.

5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

**Prayer of Appeal:**

*Someone Pray:*

*Ask God for his presence and blessing during this time of worship.*

**Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**

*All Read:*

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Sing or Recite: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy

Lord, God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy

Lord, God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons blessed Trinity

**Reading:**

Psalm 40 English Standard Version (ESV)

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,

Out of the miry clay,

And set my feet upon a rock,

And established my steps.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth—

Praise to our God;

Many will see it and fear,

And will trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust,

And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done;

And Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order;

If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened.

Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

7 Then I said, “Behold, I come;

In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do Your will, O my God,

And Your law is within my heart.”

9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness

In the great assembly;

Indeed, I do not restrain my lips,

O Lord, You Yourself know.

10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth

From the great assembly.

11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord;

Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have surrounded me;

My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;

They are more than the hairs of my head;

Therefore my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion

Who seek to destroy my life;

Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor

Who wish me evil.

15 Let them be confounded because of their shame,

Who say to me, “Aha, aha!”

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

Let such as love Your salvation say continually,

“The Lord be magnified!”

17 But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me.

You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

**Sing or Recite: Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Online Message:**

Go to rpcinverness.com and click on the You Tube link for this morning’s sermon.

**Share and Reflect:**

**If you have children be sure to rephrase these questions so they may participate.**

* How is a lack of patience and an increase in demandingness directly related? Do you see this as true in your experience?
* What are some “rights” that you demand in your life?
* Do you find it difficult to wait patiently for God? Why or why not? In what areas of your life?
* How does our disregard for sin or downplaying sin and failure in our lives work to “conceal” (v.10) God’s steadfast love and faithfulness?
* Do you see how minimizing sin minimizes God’s salvation, and effects our ability to wait patiently on God because we do not believe he has really done great things (and will do great things)? Discuss.

**Closing Prayer:**

* Pray for one another.
* Pray for our leaders and health workers.
* Pray for repentance in our lives and in our nation.
* Thank God for his sustaining hand, how he curbs our fears, and gives us refuge in times of trouble.