

# Welcome to Riverbend Bible Church

May 2nd, 2021

Historic Faith · Honest Fellowship · Humble Service

“May The Peoples  
Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within

Each harvest is Your own

And from Your hand we give to You

To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us

For those who have not heard

May songs of praise build lives of grace

To spread Your Word

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This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims

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That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty

Worthy, worthy is the Lamb

Who was slain

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty

All creation praise Your glorious Name

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“O for a Thousand  
Tongues to Sing”

Trinity #164

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad,  
the honors of thy name.



Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

# Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 34:1-5

All

We will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in our mouths. Our souls make their boasts in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. >>

All

Oh, magnify the LORD with us, and  
let us exalt his name together! We  
sought the LORD, and he answered us  
and delivered us from all our fears. >>

All

Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be  
ashamed.



“It Is Well with  
My Soul”

Trinity #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well)

with my soul (with my soul);

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though  
trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless  
estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (it is well)

with my soul (with my soul);

it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)

with my soul (with my soul);

it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

sight,

the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

the trump shall resound and the Lord shall

descend;

"Even so" - it is well with my soul.



It is well (it is well)  
with my soul (with my soul);  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Prayer Adoring God

# Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1:2-20 (p. 566)

Mark 12:28-34 (pp. 848-849)

# Prayer of Confession

# Confession of Faith

New Hampshire Baptist Confession (1853)

## XIII. The Church

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, joined together by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. >>

A visible church observes the ordinances of Christ, is governed by his laws, and exercises the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word. >>

The only scriptural officers of the church are Elders (also called Pastors), and Deacons, whose qualifications and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.



“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans

for us

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

# “True Worship”

Romans 12:1-2



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Sharing at Our Lord's Table

“Compassion Hymn”

There is an everlasting kindness

You lavished on us

When the Radiance of heaven

Came to rescue the lost;



You called the sheep without a shepherd  
To leave their distress  
For your streams of forgiveness  
And the shade of Your rest.

What boundless love,

What fathomless grace

You have shown us, O God of compassion!

Each day we live

An offering of praise

As we show to the world Your compassion.

And with compassion for the hurting,  
You reached out Your hand  
As the lame ran to meet You  
And the dead breathed again;

You saw behind the eyes of sorrow  
And shared in our tears,  
Heard the sigh of the weary,  
Let the children draw near.

What boundless love,

What fathomless grace

You have shown us, O God of compassion!

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An offering of praise

As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary  
And gazed on Your face  
At the thorns of oppression  
And the wounds of disgrace,

For surely You have borne our suffering  
And carried our grief  
As You pardoned the scoffer  
And showed grace to the thief.

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How beautiful the feet that carry  
This gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice  
And the valleys of need—

To be a voice of hope and healing,  
To answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless  
With the mercy of Christ.

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# Pastoral Prayer





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Preparing to serve local leaders to see gospel-loving churches thrive in Cork, Ireland



# Pastoral Prayer

“Doxology”

Trinity #731



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

alleluia, alleluia!

praise him above, ye heav'nly host,

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



IN THE SAME WAY,

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY  
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY  
TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

**MATTHEW 5:16**