



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“Fortified in Praise”

Psalm 103:1-14

Reverend Susan P. Boucher

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God’s Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Welcome

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Music of Meditation

Call to Worship

Christi Todd

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,
People: bless God's holy name.
Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Blue Hymnal 469

Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has
spoken Like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the
morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven, Like the first
dew fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweetness Of the wet
garden, Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Born of the
one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, Praise every
morning, God's recreation Of the new day!

Returning to the Lord through Confession

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Leader: As loving parents have compassion for their children,
God has compassion for us.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

**People: Loving God,
we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and
brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-
minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have
shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have
despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins
of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling.
Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in
peace with Christ, Who is Lord of all.**

Leader: In this time of silence we surrender to you the sins that separate us from
you and one another. **(Silence.)** Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ

Response to Forgiveness

“Give Thanks”

Red Hymnal 170

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say. “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks, give thanks!

Prayer for Illumination

Christi Todd

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: **Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

Psalm 103:1-4

Christi Todd

Ministry of Music

“10,000 Reasons”

*By Matt Redman,
Sung by Hanna Wo and
Amy Poole*

Sermon

“Fortified in Praise”

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Response to Sermon

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Yellow Hymnal 443

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee!

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior I come to thee!

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Susan P. Boucher

Thanksgiving Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

“Hosanna”

Red Hymnal 82

Hosanna, hosanna, Ho
sanna in the highest; Hosanna, ho
sanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings; Glory,
glory, Glory to the King of kings.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and Charge

Reverend Susan P. Boucher

Leader: And the people of God say
People: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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Equipped to Share Christ's Love with the World

Household Prayer: Morning

*Lord Jesus Christ,
like the sun that fills the morning sky,
you are the light that banishes the darkness of the world.
Sun of Righteousness, arise in my heart,
fill me with the radiance of your love,
and display the light of your saving grace
until I shine with the joy of life everlasting. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*God,
forgive the sins I have this day committed
and banish from my heart any self-righteousness
that would withhold forgiveness of others.
For you alone are the judge of human hearts,
and your mercy is boundless. Amen.*