



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

Virtual Worship

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February 21, 2021 - 10:45 am

Prelude: *"Psalm Prelude No. 1, Set 1"*
Herbert Howells

Ryan Croyle

Time of Welcome

Rev. Tom Hall

Call to Worship

Rev. Dan Turis

Not because he walked on water. Not because he healed the sick or gave sight to the blind. Not because he took on the religious authorities of the day. Not because he was a good teacher. Not because he gave a model for morality. Not because of any of these reasons does Jesus elicit our worship. It is because of who he is, the Lord of all, that he deserves to be praised. To know him is to worship him. Let us worship the God who converts our heart and renews our minds. Let us worship Jesus Christ the one who desires our true worship.

Opening Hymn #164: *"What Wondrous Love"*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Turis

Lord, we have been enamored by what you have done for us. We have been so enamored with your works that we have ignored you. We have been pleased with your grace, and ignored that we must daily follow you, the bringer of that grace. We have taken for granted our relationship with you. Our belief has conditions. We have doubted. We have been too busy. Lord, we have not followed you everywhere you have gone. We ask that you please forgive us of our sin. Please, Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us for we are sinners who need your grace. In your mercy, please Lord, restore us to a right relationship with you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Jana Hall

Hymn: *"What Grace is This?"*

What Grace is this! My Lord and King has set his face to suffering.
The Son eternal dies to bring eternal life to me. (repeat)

Scripture Reading: John 2:23-25

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵ He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

Sermon – “You Can’t Trust You”

Rev. Tom Hall

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

Frank Hancock

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Anthem: “Your Great Name”

Krissy Nordhoff/Michael Neale

Alicia Marcinko, *soprano*

Matt Sartore, *bass*

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.

All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.

The enemy has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

Chorus: *Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us, Son of God and man.*

You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.

Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name.

The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great name.

The sick and healed and the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name. (Chorus)

Call for the Offering

Frank Hancock



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Closing Hymn #691: “Amazing Grace” (verses 1-4)

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Tom Hall

Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Ryan Croyle

What Wondrous Love

PSALM 22

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse
 down be - neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown
 Lamb, who is the great I AM— while mil - lions join the theme,
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty

for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
 for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 I will sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Chords: Dm, C, Am, Dm, C, Am, C, Dm, G, F, Dm, Am, Dm, C, Am, C, Dm

For other settings of Ps. 22 see 165, 511, 594

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Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

For an alternate arrangement see 670

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, P.D.

Music (NEW BRITAIN 8.6.8.6): *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.



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The Latest from **Pastor Tom Hall**

02-21-21 **Queen's gambit**

I just watched *The Queen's Gambit*, the popular Netflix miniseries based on the 1983 book by Walter Tevis. It's about a girl named Beth who's taken to live in an orphanage after her mother died in a car accident. In the orphanage, Beth is befriended by the janitor who teaches her to play chess. It soon becomes apparent that Beth is a prodigy, but could she master the obstacles in her life so she could master the game?

A "gambit" is a strategy, ruse, or ploy.

A "Queen's Gambit" is an opening strategy in chess that puts the player on the offensive. It also described Beth's approach to life: Don't let others know what you're thinking. Keep your opponents on the defensive.

That may be fine for chess, but it's not how God designed us.

What if you had a friend who you could trust with your deepest secrets? We have such a friend in Jesus Christ. John 2:25 says that, "He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person."

In *The Queen's Gambit*, Beth's genius wasn't enough to master the game. It wasn't until she let her friends help her that she was able to succeed at the highest level.

There's no gambit that we can use on Jesus. Nothing gets by him. He knows *everything* about us and still he loves us completely.

None of us ever really "master the game" of life.

But we can trust the Master.