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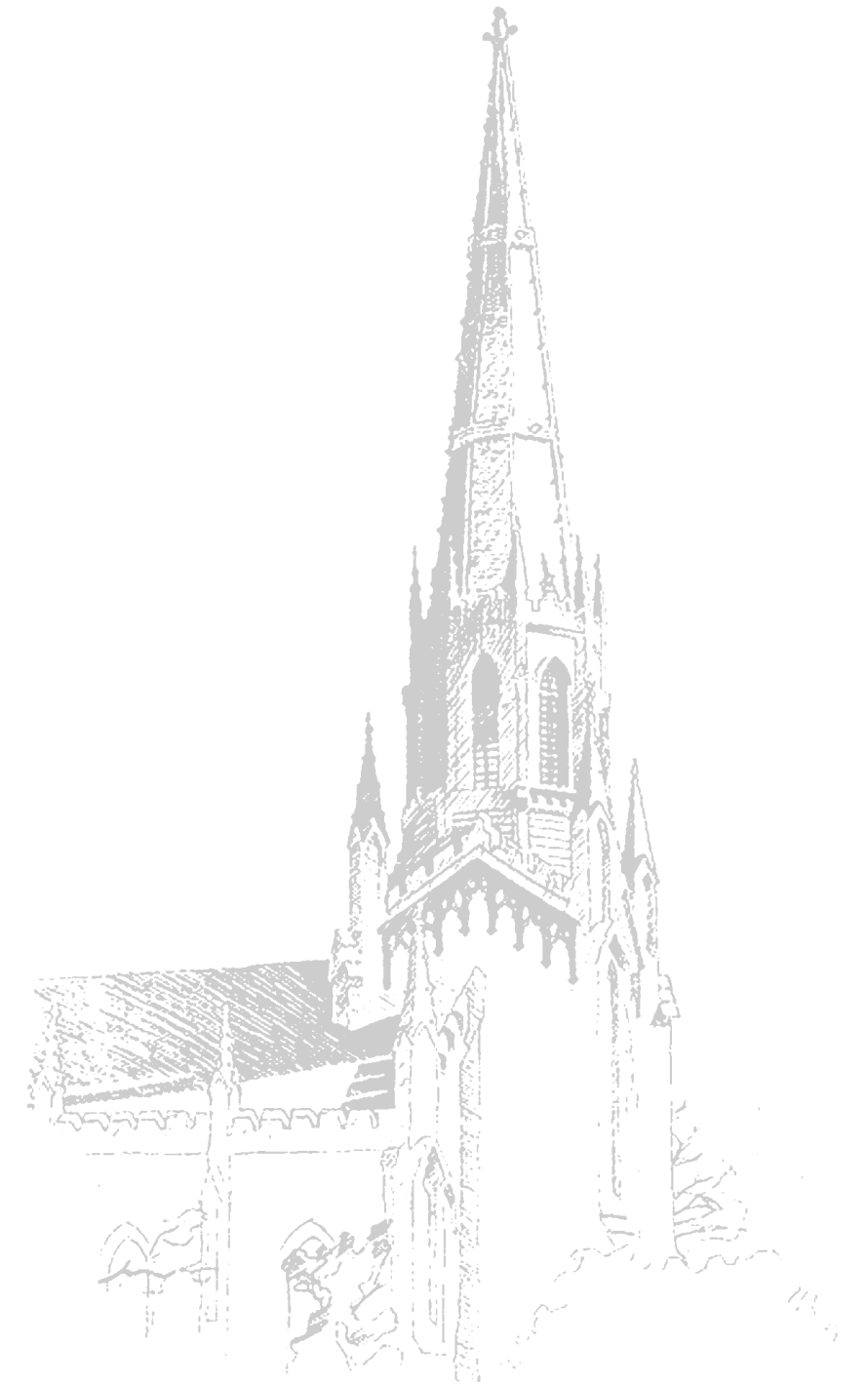
- ☞ Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
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SERMON NOTES

“Above All Earthly Powers”

Psalm 2 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVENING SERVICE



MISSIONS



Ben and Trish Alexander

Ben and Trish Alexander are World Witness missionaries serving in Chelmsford, England. Ben serves as the associate minister at Chelmsford Presbyterian Church. The majority of people there do not know Christ or have a connection to the church. They are seeking to engage the community through outreach events in the church, in their home, and at local schools.

JANUARY 14, 2024

6:00 P.M.

THE EVENING SERVICE

6:00 P.M.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

(Revelation 1:4b-5, ESV)

(+ Congregation please stand if able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *O Lord Most High, With All My Heart* ROCKINGHAM OLD

Sally Cathcart, violin; Julie Anne Russell, viola;
Campbell Cathcart, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 310:** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

+ **HYMN:** *Within These Walls, Dear Lord* ROCK HILL

1. With - in these walls, dear Lord, Dis - play thy
 2. Here may the e - ter - nal Three His glo - rious
 3. May watch - men, taught of God, Je - ho - vah's

match - less grace; Thy con - stant aid af - ford, And show thy
 pow'r make known, Set cap - tive sin - ners free, Bring wand'ring
 love de - clare; Pro - claim a Sav - ior's blood, To van - quish

smil - ing face; And may thy bless - ed fam - i - ly En - joy sal -
 sin - ners home; Dis - play the won - ders of His love, And fix His
 guil - ty fear; And may the heav' - nly Pa - ra - clete, Their mes - sage

va - tion full and free.
 chil - dren's hearts a - bove.
 seal in Zi - on's heart.

Music by J. Marty Cope; text by William Gadsby

EVENING PRAYER Elder Ryan Hudson

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Andante from Organ Sonata No. 4, BWV 528* J. S. Bach

+ **DOXOLOGY:** TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 2
(Pew Bible page 448, Children's Bible page 574)

SERMON: *A Song for All Seasons* Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“Above All Earthly Powers”

PRAYER

+ **HYMN 513:** *Blessed Lord, in Thee Is Refuge* BRYN CALFARIA

Blessed Lord, in thee is refuge,
Safety for my trembling soul;
Pow'r to lift my head when drooping
'Midst the angry billows' roll.
I will trust thee,
I will trust thee,
I will trust thee;
All my life thou shalt control;
All my life thou shalt control.

In the past, too, unbelieving,
'Midst the tempest I have been,
And my heart has slowly trusted
What my eyes have never seen.
Blessed Jesus,
Blessed Jesus,
Blessed Jesus,
Teach me on thine arm to lean;
Teach me on thine arm to lean.

Oh, for trust that brings the triumph
When defeat seems strangely near;
Oh, for faith that changes fighting
Into vict'ry's ringing cheer!
Faith triumphant,
Faith triumphant,
Faith triumphant,
Knowing not defeat nor fear;
Knowing not defeat nor fear.

BENEDICTION

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Peace (Benediction) Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

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POSTLUDE: *Variation on ROCKINGHAM* T. Tertius Noble