



First Presbyterian

ROME

¹¹The king's edict granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy, kill and annihilate the armed men of any nationality or province who might attack them and their women and children, and to plunder the property of their enemies. ¹²The day appointed for the Jews to do this in all the provinces of King Xerxes was the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar. ¹³A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

¹⁴The couriers, riding the royal horses, went out, spurred on by the king's command, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa.

¹⁵When Mordecai left the king's presence, he was wearing royal garments of blue and white, a large crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen. And the city of Susa held a joyous celebration. ¹⁶For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor. ¹⁷In every province and in every city to which the edict of the king came, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating. And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them.

Esther 8:11-17 NIV

THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2019



God's People Gather for Worship

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

Invocation

Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 16

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
DIADEM

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Response

"The Doxology"
OLD HUNDRETH

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! AMEN

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn No. 375

"Jesus Shall Reign"
DUKE STREET

Offering Our Gifts

Focus on Mission

Foster Care Ministry

Welcome

(At this time, children ages 6 years old – 4th grade will be invited to Children's Worship in God's Garden.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Philip Stopford
Chancel Choir
Dr. Aaron Rice, *director*
Mr. Kyle Coleman, *accompanist*

Interceding for God's World

Prayer for God's People, Work and World and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Esther 8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over"
Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 688

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

