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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 146:1-2**

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

**#30**

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure,  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downward by your flood and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

**\*Prayer of Adoration and The 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Call to Confession

Psalm 60: 1-3

“O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. You have made your people see hard things; you have given us wine to drink that made us stagger.”

## Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 60: 4-5

“You have set up a banner for those who fear you, that they may flee to it from the bow. That your beloved sons may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!”

## Extending Christ's Grace – Patrick and Regina Lennox,MTW

### \*Hymn of Response

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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Jesus what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him,  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. Refrain

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. Refrain

Jesus what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. Refrain

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. Refrain

## Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## Pastoral Prayer

**Mr. Bob Rhodes**

## \*Scripture Reading

**Mark 1:40- 2:17**

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter. And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the

paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this! He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## **Sermon**

## **“The Least of These.”**

Rev. David Stewart

1. Compassion to heal our afflictions
2. Authority to forgive our sins
3. A call to sinners (us)

**\*Hymn of Response**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

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Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art,  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast,  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be,  
end of faith as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish then, they new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**\*Benediction**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it!”

**\*Three-fold Amen**

**\*Indicates congregation will stand, if able**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday Bible Study Groups to continue in January

2:00 p.m. – home of Ann Eyster; study of John; Bob Rhodes, leader

6:30 p.m. – home of Andy/Carole Mitchell; study of Exodus; Andy Mitchell, leader

7:00 p.m. – home of David/Wendy Stewart; study of Galatians; David Stewart, leader

A congregational meeting will immediately follow the morning worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to elect corporate officers for 2021 and to review the 2021 budget.

Wi-Fi access – *GracePCA* | *Grace0777*

Please maintain distance between families as best as possible. Please fellowship outside unless there is inclement weather.

There is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary for tithes and offerings.

12/27/20 Offering	\$3,690.00
YTD Offering	\$156,505.17
YTD Budget	\$163,605.00
Building Fund	\$15.00
Benevolence	\$1,058.00

12/31/20 Offering	\$3,333.00
YTD Offering	\$159,835.37
YTD Budget	\$163,605.00

01/03/21 Offering	\$1,657.00
YTD Offering	\$1,657.00
YTD Budget	\$3,115.00
Building Fund	\$235.00
Benevolence	\$89.00

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

Agape Flights – Venice, FL  
Carter, Michael & Cathalain – MTW – Nagoya, Japan  
Child Evangelism Fellowship – Charlotte County, FL  
Grady, Miriam & son Evan – MTW – Czech Republic  
Jean-Rejouis, Davidson & Katie – MTW – France  
Jennings, Collin & Zury – RUF Global  
Knaebel, Christ & Rebecca – Church Planting – Sarasota, FL  
Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans  
Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England  
Matlack, Ken & Tammie – MTW – Global Initiative to Mobilizing Intercessory Prayer  
Pregnancy Solutions – Port Charlotte, FL  
Stevens, Carla – MTW – Christian Educational Consultant  
Tanner, Lucas – RUF – Florida Gulf Coast University  
Young Life – Port Charlotte, FL