



THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

Video Greeting from Davidson and Katie Jean-Rejouis, MTW - France

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 108:1-4

“My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”

***Hymn of Praise**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***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

Hebrews 4:16-18

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and shortcomings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper, You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 33:8

“I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

***Hymn of Response**

“Nothing but the Blood”

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What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-13

“Come, everyone who thirsts come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Randy Bibby

*Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-34

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” ⁹And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ¹⁰And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹²so that” ‘they may indeed see but not perceive, and may

indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.”¹³ And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?¹⁴ The sower sows the word.¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”²¹ And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand?²² For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light.²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”²⁴ And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.²⁵ For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.²⁶ And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”³⁰ And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Sermon

“A Rich Gospel”

Rev. David Stewart

I. Why Parables?

II. Soil Conditions

III. Jesus' Garden

Hymn of Response*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

#715

Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Benediction*Ephesians 6:23-24**

“Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”

Three-fold Amen**Indicates congregation will stand, if able**

We will be creating a new directory for this year within the next month. If you have any changes to your information, please inform the church office as soon as possible at gracelakesuzy@gmail.com.

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.

02/07/21 Offering	\$ 2,729.00
YTD Offering	\$18,585.50
YTD Budget	\$18,690.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Benevolence	\$ 149.00

Missions Month!

February 2021 is Missions Month, and due to the changes in our meeting habits we will be changing how we emphasize our mission's efforts.

This year's theme for our Missions Month is:

Engaging Missions in the Digital Age

This year's Project: Support is for **TWIG**, which is a mission to foster children headquartered In Venice FL. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. for Missions insights:

- February 14 The Martins- Via Zoom**
- February 21 Melissa Gordon, from Pregnancy Solutions**
- February 28 The Jennings – Via Zoom**



QR code to go to our Mission Festival website.

TWIG items that are immediately needed

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| Teen girl sports bras | Girls Lightweight nightgowns/pajamas |
| Men's boxer briefs (all sizes) | Teen boys – Graphic T-shirts |
| Boys Lightweight pajamas | Boys pants (joggers, khakis) size 7-14 |
| Men's pajama pants | Teen boys low cut socks |

Gift cards to: Walmart, Burlington, Bealls Outlet, Ross, Marshalls

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
Collin & Zury – RUF Global
Knaebel, Chris & 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

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