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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, March 14, 2021

**Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 47: 1-2**

“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

**#1**

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God in deed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**\*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 79: 8-9**

“Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!”

## Prayer of Confession

O Father, though you are our Shepherd, we are consumed with wanting more. O Lord, other pastures seem greener, the waters aren't always still, and our souls still thirst. O Lord, we long to be led by you, though we complain along the path you have set before us. And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear. May we know your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew. And though You set a table before us, we oftentimes refuse to sit down. Forgive us, our great Shepherd, and lead us all the way, that we might dwell in Your house forever. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 79:13

“We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation, we will recount your praise.”

## \*Hymn of Response

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

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Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim; Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood; Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;  
now in heav'n exalted high; Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
Then a new this song we'll sing; Hallelujah! What a Savior!

## Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34: 1-24

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; <sup>6</sup>they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup>therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them. <sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. <sup>17</sup>I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue <sup>22</sup>my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

**Scripture Reading:****Mark: 6: 30-56**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii<sup>[a]</sup> worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men. <sup>45</sup>Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night<sup>[b]</sup> he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**I. Not Just About Hunger**

**II. Glory Revealed**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**“I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

**#705**

I know not why God’s wondrous grace to me he has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

**Refrain**

But “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.”

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart. **Refrain**

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him. **Refrain**

I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me,  
of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see. **Refrain**

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair,  
nor if I’ll walk the vale with him, or “meet him in the air.” **Refrain**

**\*Benediction**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.”

**\*Three-fold Amen**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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](mailto:gracelakesuzy@gmail.com).

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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.

03/07/21 Offering	\$ 6,932.50
YTD Offering	\$36,420.00
YTD Budget	\$31,150.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Benevolence	\$ 250.00

## **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  
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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