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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

**Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 24:9-10**

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”**

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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes for thee, his chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

**\*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 14:2-3

“The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one..”

## Prayer of Confession

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you, that our eyes may behold the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 118:19-21

“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.”

## Extending Christ’s Grace – Miriam and Evan Grady, MTW, Czech Republic

### \*Hymn of Response

### “Jesus Keep Me near the Cross”

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Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all – a healing stream – flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

#### **Refrain:**

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. **Refrain**

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **Refrain**

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42: 18-25

Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
19 Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the Lord?  
20 He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
21 The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.  
22 But this is a people plundered and looted;  
they are all of them trapped in holes  
and hidden in prisons;  
they have become plunder with none to rescue,  
spoil with none to say, "Restore!"  
23 Who among you will give ear to this,  
will attend and listen for the time to come?  
24 Who gave up Jacob to the looter,  
and Israel to the plunderers?  
Was it not the Lord, against whom we have sinned,  
in whose ways they would not walk,  
and whose law they would not obey?  
25 So he poured on him the heat of his anger  
and the might of battle;  
it set him on fire all around, but he did not understand;  
it burned him up, but he did not take it to heart.

## Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Rob Rhodes

8 In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup>“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” <sup>4</sup>And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” <sup>5</sup>And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup>And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. <sup>7</sup>And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. <sup>8</sup>And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. <sup>9</sup>And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. <sup>10</sup>And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. <sup>12</sup>And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” <sup>13</sup>And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side. <sup>14</sup>Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup>And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup>Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” <sup>20</sup>“And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

**Sermon****A True Pandemic****Rev. David Stewart****I. Déjà vu All Over Again****II. It's Not About the Sign****III. The Yeast of Unbelief**

Thou dost reign on high with a kingly crown, yet thou camest to earth for me,  
and in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room for thy holy nativity:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in great humility:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest, in the shade of the forest tree;  
But thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee;  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn, they bore thee to Calvary:  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, thy cross is my only plea.

When heav’n’s arches shall ring, and her choirs shall sing, at thy coming to victory,  
Let thy voice call me home, saying, “Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee.”  
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when thou comest and callest for me.

**\*Benediction**

**Numbers 6: 24-26**

“ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

**\*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).

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.

03/21/21 Offering	\$ 2,510.50
YTD Offering	\$41,791.50
YTD Budget	\$37,380.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
Missions Project	\$ 3,065.00 – Cash
	\$ 1,125.54 – Clothing
	\$ 4,190.54 - Total

## **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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