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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, May 09,2021

### Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 118: 1-4**

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Let the house of Aaron say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Let those who fear the LORD say:

**People: His steadfast love endures forever.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

**“Exalt the Lord”**

**#12**

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name,  
who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.  
The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name;  
his people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.

I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great;  
the Lord performs what he decrees, in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas.  
He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end;  
the lightnings flash at his command; he hold the tempest in his hand.

Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim all ye his servants, praise his name,  
who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command.  
Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim;  
in Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

### \*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

**1 John 1: 8-9**

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. He is our Good Shepherd. We confess that we too often want a seat of privilege and a place of honor. Yet you tell us that the first shall be last and the last first. Gracious Father, forgive us our many sins, our neglect of what is good and our desires for what is evil. Wash us anew, that we might walk in the newness of life Christ Jesus has purchased for us. In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Mark 10:45**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## **\*Hymn of Response**

**“There is a Fountain”**

**#253**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains;  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away;  
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing your pow’r to save,  
when this poor lisping, stam’ring tongue lies silent in the grave;  
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
when this poor lisping, stam’ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow’r,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more;  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52: 13- 53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— <sup>15</sup> so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. **53** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief, when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Andy Mitchell

## Scripture Reading:

Mark 10: 32- 52

<sup>32</sup> And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise. <sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

<sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave<sup>u</sup> of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” <sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

**Sermon**

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**Rev. David Stewart**

## **I. A Solitary Drink**

## **II. A Shared Cup**

## **III. Eyes To See**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**#654**

O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou will be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**\*Benediction**

**Hebrews 13: 20-21**

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.”

**\*Three-fold Amen**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new directory is available in the narthex. Please pick up one per family as you exit.

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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.

04/25/21 Offering	\$ 3,466.00
YTD Offering	\$66,860.80
YTD Budget	\$56,070.00
Benevolence	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 350.00

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

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Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans  
Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England  
Matlack, Ken & Tammie – MTW – Global Initiative to Mobilizing Intercessory Prayer  
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