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THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, June 27, 2021

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111: 1-2

“Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.”

***Hymn of Praise**

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

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We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began;
in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give;
O risen Lord! We live in you; in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring;
so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

***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: 14-16

“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 trouble.”

Prayer of Confession:

Loving Father, you created us to be your people, made in your image, and set apart for your glory. But we have chosen to disobey you and have determined that our way is better than your way. We have become slaves to sin; our souls have been corrupted and we have broken your covenant. We repent and turn back toward you. Forgive us and set us free from our corruption and darkness. We thank you for Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who reconciles, restores and redeems. We seek to honor you, our Triune God, with our whole lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8: 1-2

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Hymn of Preparation:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptation? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

⁴ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Pastoral Prayer**Mr. Bob Rhodes****Scripture Reading:****Mark 14: 26-52**

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same. ³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little

farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?”³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him.⁴⁶ And they laid hands on him and seized him.⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant[▮] of the high priest and cut off his ear.⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.⁵¹ And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him,⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Sermon

The Strength of Weakness

Rev. David Stewart

I. Shaken

II. Pressed Down

III. Betrayed

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 noonday 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

It's not too late to join the women's Bible Study, "What's She Doing Here", on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Our new directory is available in the narthex. Also, an addendum to update the directory is available, next to the directories.

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

06/13/21 Offering	<u>\$ 2,907.00</u>
<u>YTD Offering</u>	<u>\$86,872.90</u>
<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$77,875. 00</u>
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