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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 25, 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**

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

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Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares;
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r,
All hell's minions may assemble but cannot withstand his hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph worship Christ, the risen King!

***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 143: 1-2

“Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.”

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of the resurrection so hard to believe; forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair; forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we do often appear to believe that suffering is simply a tragedy and that death is the end; forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55: 6-7

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let 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.”

Extending Christ's Grace – Davidson and Katie Jean-Rejouis, MTW - France

Hymn of Preparation:

“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 beam 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

Acts 10:34-48

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

Scripture Reading:

Mark 16: 1-20

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. ⁹ Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. ¹² After these things he appeared in another form to two of them,

as they were walking into the country. ¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. ¹⁴ Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Sermon

The Fruit of the Gospel

Rev. David Stewart

I. A Gospel for Sinners

II. A More Certain Word

III. Called To Be Sowers

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea, earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;
they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring, kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

Refrain

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea, earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show; yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
he will surely save them from oppression's might, for their lives are precious in his holy sight.

Refrain

Ever and forever shall his name endure, long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
and in him forever all men shall be blest, and all nations hail him King of Kings confessed.

Refrain

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings; he alone is glorious doing wondrous things.
Ever more, ye people, bless his glorious name, his eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

Refrain

***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

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting in August to begin planning events for the upcoming church year. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this committee or if you have ideas to share with the committee, please contact Meg Roberson.

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.

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| 07/18/21 Offering | \$ 3,727.00 |
| YTD Offering | \$104,129.90 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 90,335.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 20.00 |

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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