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THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, August 1, 2021

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 117: 1-2

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and The faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”

***Hymn of Praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***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 139: 23-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Prayer of Confession:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 5:11

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.”

Hymn of Preparation:

“Jesus Paid It All”

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I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

Refrain

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. **Refrain**

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. **Refrain**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2: 1-13

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, “I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. ³Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest. All who ate of it incurred guilt; disaster came upon them, declares the LORD.”⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the clans of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD: “What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless? ⁶They did not say, ‘Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of

Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that none passes through, where no man dwells?⁷ And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds⁹ transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.⁹ "Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD and with your children's children I will contend."¹⁰ For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has been such a thing.¹¹ Has a nation changed its god even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 1: 1-22

How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave.² She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.³ Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for none come to the festival; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her virgins have been afflicted, and she herself suffers bitterly.⁵ Her foes have become the head; her enemies prosper, because the LORD has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.⁶ From the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed. Her princes have become like deer that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.⁷ Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and wandering all the precious things that were hers from days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her, her foes gloated over her; they mocked at her downfall.⁸ Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore she became filthy; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns her face away.⁹ Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future; therefore her fall is terrible; she has no comforter. "O LORD, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!"¹⁰ The enemy has stretched out his hands over all her precious things; for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, those whom you forbade to enter your congregation.¹¹ All her people groan as they search for bread; they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength. "Look, O LORD, and see, for I am despised."¹² "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the LORD inflicted on the day of his fierce anger."¹³ "From on high

he sent fire; into my bones he made it descend; he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back; he has left me stunned, faint all the day long. ¹⁴“My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together; they were set upon my neck; he caused my strength to fail; the Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand. ¹⁵“The Lord rejected all my mighty men in my midst; he summoned an assembly against me to crush my young men; the Lord has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah. ¹⁶“For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit; my children are desolate for the enemy has prevailed.” ¹⁷ Zion stretches out her hands, but there is none to comfort her; the LORD has commanded against Jacob that his neighbors should be his foes; Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them. ¹⁸“The LORD is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering; my young women and my young men have gone into captivity. ¹⁹“I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their strength. ²⁰“Look, O LORD, for I am in distress; my stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious. In the street the sword bereaves; the house it is like death. ²¹“They heard my groaning, yet there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble they are glad that you have done it. You have brought the day you announced; now let them be as I am. ²²“Let all their evildoing come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many, and my heart is faint.”

Sermon

**A City In Despair
“Hope in a Hopeless World”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Insecure

II. Undignified

III. Unsympathetic

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response:

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r; raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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

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.

07/25//21 Offering	\$ 47,152.00
YTD Offering	\$151,281.90
YTD Budget	\$ 93,450.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

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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

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