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THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, August 15, 2021

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 12: 1-6

Pastor: “You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

People: **Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”**

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

People: **“Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

***Hymn of Praise**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

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All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

***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

Isaiah 6: 1-5

“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’”

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess with Isaiah that each one of us has unclean lips, and we dwell together in the midst of a people of unclean lips. Rather than using our tongues to praise you and build up one another, we find that our hearts are far from you as we bite and devour one another with our words. Gracious Father, as we behold your glory together in the Word, we look to the One who endured the fury of your wrath and ask that you would remove the stain of guilt and forgive us our many sins. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 6: 6-7

“Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said, ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’”

Hymn of Preparation:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouch safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee dearest Friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:18-25

¹⁸ 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. Andy Mitchell

Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 3: 1-21

³ I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; ² he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; ³ surely against me he turns his hand again and again the whole day long. ⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away; he has broken my bones; ⁵ he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; ⁶ he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. ⁷ He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has made my chains heavy; ⁸ though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; ⁹ he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones; he has made my paths crooked. ¹⁰ He is a bear lying in wait for me, a lion in hiding; ¹¹ he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces; he has made me desolate; ¹² he bent his bow and set me as a target for his arrow. ¹³ He drove into my kidneys the arrows of his quiver; ¹⁴ I have become the laughingstock of all peoples, the object of their taunts all day long. ¹⁵ He has filled me with bitterness; he has sated me with wormwood. ¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; ¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; ¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD." ¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! ²⁰ My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

Sermon

**I Am the Man
“Hope in a Hopeless World”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Mine Is the Transgression

II. Mine Is the Affliction

III. Remember

Hymn of Response:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain:**

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain:**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. **Refrain:**

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13: 14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fellowship Committee will be meeting on August 23, 2021 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.

A Note from Pregnancy Solutions:

During this past season, we have seen God do more than we could have ever imagined. In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, Pregnancy Solutions never closed our doors. We have two new locations; one in Port Charlotte, and the other, our new North Port facility will open in September. We are looking for volunteers to assist in many areas and we invite you to think about becoming a part of our volunteer team. Please check us out at www.pregnancysolutions.org or call 941-408-7100.

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08/08//21 Offering	\$ 1,591.00
YTD Offering	\$156,037.90
YTD Budget	\$ 99,680.00
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

Pregnancy Solutions – Port Charlotte, FL

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