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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, August 22, 2021

### Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 89-1-2**

“I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, ‘Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.’”

### \*Hymn of Praise

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**#94**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

### \*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 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:**

Holy Father, we confess that you are merciful and gracious towards those upon whom you have set your affection. We are undeserving of your steadfast love, for we have failed to love you with all of our being and have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord our lives are marked by unfaithfulness, and so we call upon you who is faithful to forgive us our many sins. Our sins justly deserve your wrath and punishment, yet because of your great love for us, your Son and our dear Savior took them upon himself, nailing them to a cross, that we might be assured that you do not count our iniquities against us. O God, help us to walk in a manner worthy of calling to which you have called us in Christ Jesus, in the newness of life which you have given. In Jesus name. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 86:15**

“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

## **Hymn of Preparation:**

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**#457**

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it- prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## Scripture Reading

Job 12: 13-25

<sup>13</sup>“With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding. <sup>14</sup>If he tears down, none can rebuild; if he shuts a man in, none can open. <sup>15</sup>If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land. <sup>16</sup>With him are strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his. <sup>17</sup>He leads counselors away stripped, and judges he makes fools. <sup>18</sup>He looses the bonds of kings and binds a waistcloth on their hips. <sup>19</sup>He leads priests away stripped and overthrows the mighty. <sup>20</sup>He deprives of speech those who are trusted and takes away the discernment of the elders. <sup>21</sup>He pours contempt on princes and loosens the belt of the strong. <sup>22</sup>He uncovers the deeps out of darkness, and brings deep darkness to light. <sup>23</sup>He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away. <sup>24</sup>He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. <sup>25</sup>They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man.

## Pastoral Prayer

Mr. David Greenwald

## Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 3: 21-42

<sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; <sup>29</sup>let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; <sup>30</sup>let him give his cheek to the one who strikes and let him be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men. <sup>34</sup>To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth, <sup>35</sup>to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High, <sup>36</sup>to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve. <sup>37</sup>Who has spoken, and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? <sup>38</sup>Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? <sup>39</sup>Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? <sup>40</sup>Let us test and examine our ways and return to the LORD! <sup>41</sup>Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: <sup>42</sup>“We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven.

**Sermon**

**A Great Hope  
“Hope in a Hopeless World”**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I. God Is Good**

**II. God Is Merciful**

**III. God Is Sovereign**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Refrain:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Refrain:**

**\*Benediction**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul  
and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he  
will surely do it.”

**\*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](http://www.pregnancysolutions.org) or call 941-408-7100.

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

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| 08/08//21 Offering | \$ 2,805.00  |
| YTD Offering       | \$158,842.90 |
| YTD Budget         | \$102,795.00 |
| 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

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

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