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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, October 3, 2021

**Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 113:1-3**

“Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

**#297**

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall,  
let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,

**Refrain: and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!**

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call,  
who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, **Refrain**

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, **Refrain**

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the worm-wood and the gall,  
the worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your trophies at his feet, **Refrain**

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, **Refrain**

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,  
we at his feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song, **Refrain**

**\*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 130:1-4

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

### Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy and grace, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves; but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you; from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine as lights in the world, to your praise and glory. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:5-8

“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. Ane he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

### Hymn of Preparation:

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life.  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty,

### Refrain:

**beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,  
beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **Refrain**

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. **Refrain**

## Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3: 11-18

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Stewart

## Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1: 3-11

<sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship<sup>□</sup> from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup> Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup> desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. <sup>8</sup> Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup> the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers,<sup>□</sup> liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound<sup>□</sup> doctrine, <sup>11</sup> in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

**Sermon**

**A Faithful Message  
Being the Church**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I. Discernment**

**II. Motivation**

**III. God's Law**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

**Hymn of Response:**

**“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

**#679**

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

**Refrain:**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood! **Refrain:**

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. **Refrain:**

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. **Refrain:**

**\*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

On December 5, 2021, we will be celebrating the Advent with an evening fellowship and dinner. You are invited to be a part of the program with a Christmas hymn or song you would like to share as an individual, duet, or group, singing or playing an instrument or would like to read a passage of Scripture, please contact Robin Bibby at 410-279-6741 or by email [robinkatherine@yahoo.com](mailto:robinkatherine@yahoo.com). We would particularly love to see children and young people participate.

### **Congregational Meeting:**

The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 17, 2021 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to act on a recommendation from the Session to approve a raise in the pastor's terms of call in 2022 in the amount of \$7,630.

### **Small Group Studies are coming!**

One, led by Robert Rhodes will begin on Thursday afternoon October 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Ann Eyster's home. Two more, one at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening studying the Westminster Confession Faith will meet at the church, and the other at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Mitchell's. Both will start in mid-October, date yet to be determined.

Wi-Fi access – *GracePCA* | *Grace0777*

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

09/19//21 Offering	\$ 2,132.00
YTD Offering	\$178,854.90
YTD Budget	\$121,485.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

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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

Stevens, Carla – MTW – Christian Educational Consultant

Tanner, Lucas – RUF – Florida Gulf Coast University

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