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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. David Stewart

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-2

“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”

*Hymn of Praise

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

#80

Lord, with glowing heart I’d praise thee for the bliss thy love bestows,
for the pard’ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise;
thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand’rer far astray;
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love’s devoutest feeling, him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
and, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, bade thee look to him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, roused thee from thy fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee, praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom’s ardent feeling vainly would my lips express;
low before thy foot-stool kneeling, deign thy suppliant’s pray’r to bless.
Let thy love, my soul’s chief treasure, love’s pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure, let my life show forth thy praise.

*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 41:4

“As for me, I said, O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 40:18-19

“But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the LORD!’ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O My God!”

Extending Christ’s Grace – Miss Miriam Grady, MTW Czech Republic

*Hymn of Preparation: “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

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As the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God; when shall I come to see thy face?

My tears have fed me day and night, while men have said, “Where is your God?”
But I recall as my soul pours dry, the days of praise within thy house.

Why do I mourn and toil within when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to him; he is my help, he is my God.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:37-47

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

Scripture Reading

Titus 3:9-15

⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. ¹² When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. ¹³ Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. ¹⁴ And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. ¹⁵ All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

Sermon

**“Living by Grace”
“Being the Church”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Grace Avoids Dissension

II. Grace Builds Up

III. Grace Works Out

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response: “Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”**

#518

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ the spring of all my joy, still in you may I be found,
still for you my pow'rs employ, still for you, my pow'rs employ.

Let your love my heart inflame; keep your fear before my sight; be your praise my highest aim;
be your smile my chief delight, be your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'er flowing grace, freely from your fullness give; till I close my earthly race,
may I prove it “Christ to live,” may I prove it “Christ to live.”

Firmly trusting in your blood, nothing shall my heart confound; safely I shall pass the flood,
safely reach Immanuel's ground, safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky; having known it “Christ to live;
let me know it “gain to die”, let me know it “gain to die”.

***Benediction:**

Titus 3:15

“Grace be with you all.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

Announcements

Giving for Ukraine Relief

Give now to help provide food, transportation, shelter, and medical aid for Ukrainians, locals in hostile areas, and refugees. For more details on how the funds are expected to be used, visit <https://mtw.org/ukraine-response>.

To donate by check, please mail to MTW, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165. To give on line, go to <https://www.mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>.

We will have a Good Friday service on April 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a memorial service for John Yobuck on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at 9610 S. W. Yacht Drive, Arcadia, FL 34269

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

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

Small Group Studies!

Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at the church

Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church

03/27/22 Offering	\$ 3,502.00
YTD Offering	\$ 48,490.50
YTD Budget	\$ 45,656.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES

Agape Flights – Venice, FL
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