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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 07, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33:20-22

“Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!”

*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 51:1-6

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.”

Prayer of Confession:

Our great God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love: we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, nor with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and for the good we have left undone. But you, O Lord, are full of compassion and grace, slow to anger and abounding in mercy; there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:22

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

#254

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly^μ of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Stewart

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:1-8

Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city! ² She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD; she does not draw near to her God. ³ Her officials within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves that leave nothing till the morning. ⁴ Her prophets are fickle, treacherous men; her priests profane what is holy; they do violence to the law. ⁵ The LORD within her is righteous; he does no injustice; every morning he shows forth his justice; each dawn he does not fail; but the unjust knows no shame. ⁶ “I have cut off nations; their battlements are in ruins; I have laid waste their streets so that no one walks in them; their cities have been made desolate, without a man, without an inhabitant. ⁷ I said, ‘Surely you will fear me; you will accept correction. Then your dwelling would not be cut off according to all that I have appointed against you.’ But all the more they were eager to make all their deeds corrupt. ⁸ “Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD, “for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

I. A Wicked City

II. The Righteous God Is There

***Hymn of Response:**

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

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Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
while like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear,
when hanging on the cursed tree and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove.

We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing his bleeding love.

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response:** **“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”**

#473

“Jesus sinners doth receive”: word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!
Naught like this can comfort give: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is given;
He hath sworn by his own name, open are the gates of heaven.
Take to heart this word and live: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd, pressing
Thro' each dark and dang'rous way, brings it back, his own possessing.
Jesus seeks thee, O believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ has purchased my release and my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve – “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

***Benediction:**

Jude 24-25

“Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before his presence with exceeding great joy. To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

Announcements:

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship today for the purpose of holding an election for Ruling Elder. Randy Bibby is standing for election.

Grace has the following committees serving for the coming year: Fellowship Committee and Missions Committee. If you would be interested in joining one of these, please contact the following:

Fellowship: Meg Roberson 661-8412

Missions: Bob Rhodes 863-303-4579

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

07/31/22 Offering	\$ 2,472..51
YTD Offering	\$ 112,026.01
YTD Budget	\$ 105,350.00
Building Fund	\$ 40.00

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Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans
Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England
Pregnancy Solutions – Port Charlotte, FL
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