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# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, October 23, 2022

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

“Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!”

#### \*Hymn of Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

#### \*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 66:2

“But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.”

## Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 57:1

“Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.”

## \*Hymn of Preparation: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

19 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.” When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, <sup>10</sup> the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments <sup>11</sup> and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup> And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup> No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” <sup>14</sup> So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. <sup>15</sup> And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.” <sup>16</sup> On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup> And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. <sup>20</sup> The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup> Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.” <sup>23</sup> And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’” <sup>24</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.” <sup>25</sup> So Moses went down to the people and told them.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Mr. Andy Mitchell**

**Scripture Reading**

**Hebrews 3:1-6**

**3** Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, **2** who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. **3** For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. **4** (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) **5** Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, **6** but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

**Sermon**

**“Better than Moses”  
“Jesus is Greater”**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I. Jesus Is Faithful**

**II. Jesus Has Greater Glory**

**III. So We Can Persevere**

**\*Hymn of Response:**

**“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”**

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I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode.  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure, as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

**Benediction:**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

**\*Three-fold Amen.**

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

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

10/16/22 Offering	\$ 3,664.00
YTD Offering	\$ 145,363.26
YTD Budget	\$ 147,504.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00
<b>Benevolence Fund</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

## **Announcements:**

### **Bible Studies**

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the church – Bob Rhodes (863-303-4579 rgr31574@aol.com), *Judges*. Restart TBD.

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the church – David Greenwald (941-380-1987; theophilus777.0@gmail.com) *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Beginning Oct. 25th.

There is still time to sign up for the Women’s Retreat – “From Garden to Glory” – Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022; 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.. The website to register is:

<https://covenantnaples.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1384200>

If you are interested in attending, please contact Carole Mitchell (941) 979-7710.

Choir practice will be held regularly on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us if interested.

## GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES

Agape Flights – Venice, FL  
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