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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradley, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

“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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away.
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

*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 55:6-7

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

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 34:17-18

“When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

*Hymn of Preparation:

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all – a healing stream - flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

**Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river**

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. **Refrain**

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

6 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules[a]—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. 10 “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, 12 then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— 15 for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. 16 “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers 19 by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised. 20 “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ 21 then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. 23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers. 24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. 25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Randy Bibby

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:1-10

⁴ Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Sermon

**“Rest Awaits”
“Jesus is Greater”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Guard Against Unbelief

II. By Faith Alone

III. Exercise Your Faith

IV. Rest Awaits

***Hymn of Response: “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”**

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Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

**Refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.**

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength my vict'ry wins. **Refrain**

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. **Refrain**

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. **Refrain**

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. **Refrain**

Benediction:

2 Thessalonians 3:16

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

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

11/06/22 Offering	\$ 3,712.00
YTD Offering	\$ 159,122.84
YTD Budget	\$ 158,040.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Benevolence Fund	\$ 170.00

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.

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

Fellowship Sunday immediately following the worship service, November 27, 2022

Pregnancy Solutions will hold its 20th Annual Gala on Monday, December 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at the Charlotte County Convention Center. Pastor Stewart would love to have some of you join us at our table. If you are interested in attending, please contact David at pastor@gracelakesuzy.org

GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES

Agape Flights – Venice, FL
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Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England
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