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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

“The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion, he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!”

*Hymn of Adoration:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*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 30:15,18

“For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling....Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you, for the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.”

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Father, we long to have you change our hearts. We confess to You that we do not obey You as we should. We love little, speak not the truth, harbor resentment, and leave the oppressed with no defender. We break Your holy law, leave undone what You command, and delight in what You have forbidden. Merciful Lord we humbly ask that You forgive us and change our hearts. Conform us to the image of Your Son. Holy Spirit, work in us we pray, that we might be like You. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 2:18

“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

**Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.**

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. **Refrain**

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. **Refrain**

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading

Psalm: 110:1-7

110 The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”
²The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! ³Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. ⁴The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁵The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. ⁶He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chief over the wide earth. ⁷He will drink from the brook by the way, therefore he will lift up his head.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. ¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" ²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

I. The Limitations of the Old Covenant

II. A Better Hope in the New Covenant

III. A Perfect and Permanent Priesthood

***Hymn of Response:**

“Rock of Ages”

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

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01/22/23 Offering	\$	2,735.50
YTD Offering	\$	13,850.00
YTD Budget	\$	14,960.00
Building Fund	\$	25.00

Announcements:

Please remain after the worship service for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

STAY TUNED: Please be on the lookout for exciting news about our upcoming Mission Festival this February.

Bible Studies

Starting on Tuesday February 14, 7 p.m. a new Bible study will begin using “Discipline of Grace” by Jerry Bridges. This study will be led by Randy Bibby, and will meet at their home, 3825 Barnegat Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. If you are interested, please contact Randy at 410-279-8732, or email, olenole@yahoo.com

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*,

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

Choir practice is held, Thursdays, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us if interested.

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