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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-4

“My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”

*Hymn of Adoration:

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

*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:**Hebrews 4:16-18**

“Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, merciful and mighty, we unworthy sinners, come to You in humble repentance and confess how we have transgressed Your holy Law. We are guilty of sins of omission and commission, evil thoughts, improper words, and wrong deeds. Forgive our iniquity and shortcomings for the sake of the suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let His obedience cover our disobedience, let His righteousness atone for our unrighteousness. Great God and Helper. You alone can forgive. With all our hearts we thank You for Your boundless mercy. Grant us grace with which we might accept Your gift of forgiveness with true faith and look upon the word of pardon as a message coming from You, assuring us and consoling our hearts before You. Let us treasure Your forgiveness and freely extend it to others by the power of Your resurrection. We pray in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Jeremiah 33:8**

“I will cleanse them from all the fault of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

Hymn of Preparation:*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”****#251**

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Extending Christ's Grace – Mrs. Nicole Britton, Director of Development at the Twig

Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly¹⁴ mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers¹⁴ loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Andy Mitchell

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:1-15

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” ⁴And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews¹⁴ were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. ¹⁰The brothers¹⁴ immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹²Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high

standing as well as men. ¹³ But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

Sermon

**“A Heart for the City”
“2023 Mission Festival – Around the World”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. A Mission for the Cities

II. A Scriptural Foundation

III. Strengthened in the Word

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

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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’erflowing grace, freely from your fulness 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:

Numbers 6: 24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

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02/12/23 Offering	\$ 3,090.00
YTD Offering	\$ 26,687.50
YTD Budget	\$ 26,180.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00

Announcements:

Mission Festival Projects:

Please consider donating to support an indigenous team for RUF in West Africa, and to provide English commentary for Minsk reformed seminary. You can either put a check in the Festival box or put a note on the memo line “Mission Project” in the regular offering.

Please plan to join us after worship next Sunday for lunch on the lawn. Everything will be provided.

Bible Studies

The Bible Study at the home of Randy Bibby will be temporarily postponed.

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*,

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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 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us if interested.

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