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THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, March 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradley, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:1-2

“Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.”

***Hymn of Adoration:**

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

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From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

***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 55:5-6

“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:**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

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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:

Exodus 30:1-10

30 “You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. ²A cubit[Ⓜ] shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. ³You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and around its sides and its horns. And you shall make a molding of gold around it. ⁴And you shall make two golden rings for it. Under its molding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. ⁵You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. ⁶And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. ⁷And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, ⁸and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. ⁹You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. ¹⁰Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.”

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Andy Mitchell

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:1-14

9 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ²For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a second section[Ⓜ] called the Most Holy Place, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. ¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our[Ⓜ] conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Sermon

**“Out with the Old, In with the New”
“Jesus is Greater”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Old Testament Regulations

II. New Testament Realities

***Hymn of Response: "Jesus, My Great High Priest"**

#306 (to tune #310)

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
he answers and fulfils his Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set; my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high;
the Father bows his ears and lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown;
put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays his conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

Benediction:

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.."

***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.

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| 03/05/23 Offering | \$ | 5,193.50 |
| YTD Offering | \$ | 38,059.50 |
| YTD Budget | \$ | 37,400.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 135.00 |
| Benevolence | \$ | 3,175.00 |

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. We will be continuing to receive offerings for these projects for the next few weeks.

Bible Studies

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

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