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THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, March 19, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 12:1-6

Pastor: You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

People: **"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

People: **Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

***Hymn of Adoration: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***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:

1 John 1:6,8

“If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth....If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Prayer of Confession:

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you that though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:7,9

“But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin....if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.:

One day when heaven was filled with his praises, one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin – dwelt amongst men, my example is he!

**Refrain: Living, he loved me; dying, he saved me; buried, he carried my sins far away;
rising he justified freely, forever; one day he’s coming – O glorious day!**

One day they led him up Calvary’s mountain, one day they nailed him to die on the tree;
suffering anguish, despised and rejected; bearing our sins, my Redeemer is he! **Refrain**

One day they left him alone in the garden, one day he rested, from suffering free;
angels came down o’er his tomb to keep vigil; hope of the hopeless, my Savior is he! **Refrain**

One day the grave could conceal him no longer, one day the stone rolled away from the door;
then he arose, over death he had conquered; now is ascended, my Lord evermore! **Refrain**

One day the trumpet will sound for his coming, one day the skies with his glories will shine;
wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing; glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine! **Refrain**

Scripture Reading:**Exodus 24:1-18**

24 Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ²Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.” ³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. ⁴And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” ⁵And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁶And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁷And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁸Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁹And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ¹⁰Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹¹and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹²And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹³The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Randy Bibby

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:15:-28

¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Sermon

**“There Will Be Blood”
“Jesus is Greater”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. The Benefits of a Better Covenant

II. The Necessity of Jesus' Death

III. There Will Be Blood

***Hymn of Response:**

“Nothing but the Blood”

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What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Refrain: O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my cleansing this I see – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my pardon this my plea – nothing but the blood of Jesus **Refrain**

Nothing can for sin atone – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done – nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

This is all my hope and peace – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness – nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

Now by this I'll overcome – nothing but the blood of Jesus;
now by this I'll reach my home – nothing but the blood of Jesus. **Refrain**

Benediction:

Psalm 29:11

“May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!”

***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.

03/12/23 Offering	\$	5,286.01
YTD Offering	\$	43,345.01
YTD Budget	\$	41,140.00
Building Fund	\$	25.00
Benevolence	\$	125.00

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

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the church

Choir practice is held, Thursdays, from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us if interested.

GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES

Agape Flights – Venice, FL

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Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans

Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England

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