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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:14-16

“The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

*Hymn of Adoration:

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

#165

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh – his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and pow’r, and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

*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:

Micah 7:9

“I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.”

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Therefore, we purchase for ourselves, through your righteous judgment, our ruin and punishment. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended you; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, seeking your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as you did blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit; that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow that will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto you; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

#242

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
while like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear,
when hanging on the cursed tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing his bleeding love.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 40:1-17

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. ⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance[Ⓜ] in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! ¹⁴ Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! ¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" ¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:1-18

10 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ[Ⓜ] came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ[™] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for aftersaying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Sermon

**“Once for All”
“Jesus is Greater”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. The Consequences of Shadow

II. The Light Dispels the Shadows

III. The Work Is Done!

***Hymn of Response:**

“Jesus Paid It All”

#307

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all.”

**Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. **Refrain**

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim –
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. **Refrain**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. **Refrain**

Benediction:

2 Peter 1:2

“May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

***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.

03/19/23 Offering	\$ 3,165.50
YTD Offering	\$ 46,511.01
YTD Budget	\$ 44,880.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00

Announcements:

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

Thank you all very much for your amazing support of this year's mission festival projects. Through your abundant generosity, we will be able to support seminary students in Minsk, Belarus with the theological tools necessary for their training; and we will be able to provide a young, native couple to get established as they seek to serve Reformed University Fellowship in West Africa. The total raised this year was \$7,130, greatly surpassing our previous record of giving for a mission project.

The Mission Committee

Bible Studies

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. – at the home of Randy Bibby

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.

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