



THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2

“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.”

*Hymn of Praise

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the op'ening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

*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:

Psalm 69:1-3

“Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.”

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we sincerely 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. We are grieved that we have offended you; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching 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, through whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 69:30-33

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. When the humble see it, they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.”

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“A Few More Years Shall Roll”

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A few more years shall roll, a few more seasons come,
and we shall be with those that rest asleep within the tomb;
then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that great day;

Refrain: O wash me in thy precious blood, and take my sins away.

A few more storms shall beat on this wild rocky shore,
and we shall be where tempests cease, and surges swell no more;
then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that calm day; **Refrain**

A few more Sabbaths here shall cheer us on our way,
and we shall reach the endless rest, th’eternal Sabbath day;
then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that sweet day. **Refrain**

‘Tis but a little while, and he shall come again,
who died that we might live, who lives that we with him may reign;
then, O my Lord, prepare my soul for that glad day; **Refrain**

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, **2** that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. **3** And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.” **4** As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. **5** And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. **7** We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. **8** Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, **9** but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ **10** They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. **11** O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” Now I was cupbearer to the king.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! ²Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call! ³For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. ⁴My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. ⁵Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. ⁶I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl^a of the waste places; ⁷I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop. ⁸All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. ⁹For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, ¹⁰because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down. ¹¹My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. ¹²But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. ¹³You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. ¹⁴For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. ¹⁵Nations will fear the name of the LORD and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. ¹⁶For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; ¹⁷he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer. ¹⁸Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: ¹⁹that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, ²⁰to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, ²¹that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, ²²when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD. ²³He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. ²⁴“O my God,” I say, “take me not away in the midst of my days—you whose years endure throughout all generations!” ²⁵Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. ²⁶They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, ²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end. ²⁸The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

Sermon

**“The Bread of Affliction”
“A Little Book of Psalms”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. Personal Despair

II. A Hopeful Expectation

III. The Certainty of Christ

Hymn of Response:*“Though Troubles Assail Us”**

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Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
the promise assures us, “The Lord will provide.”

The birds, without garner or store-house, are fed;
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied
so long as ‘tis written, “The Lord will provide.”

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
this heart cheering promise, “The Lord will provide.”

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
yet, since we have known of the Savior’s great name,
in this our strong tower for safety we hide;
the Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”

Benediction:**Numbers 6:24-25**

“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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