



THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-3

“Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the
hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!”

*Hymn of Praise

“O Worship the King”

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O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;
has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above.
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

*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 19:12-13**

“Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.”

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, and through our own deliberate will. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your most holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Psalm 34:17-18**

“When the righteous cry out 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:*“Not What My Hands Have Done”****#461**

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God.
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
thy pow’r alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do,
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt’ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb
each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling’ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.
‘Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 13:17-22

¹⁷When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. ¹⁹Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph^{had} made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” ²⁰And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²²The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Stewart

Scripture Reading

Psalms 105: 1-45

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ²Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! ⁴Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! ⁵Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, ⁶O offspring of Abraham, his servants children of Jacob, his chosen ones! ⁷He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ⁸He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, ⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, ¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ¹¹saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.” ¹²When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, ¹³wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, ¹⁴he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, ¹⁵saying, “Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!” ¹⁶When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply^{of} bread, ¹⁷he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; ¹⁹until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. ²⁰The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; ²¹he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, ²²to bind^{his} his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom. ²³Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. ²⁴And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes. ²⁵He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants. ²⁶He sent Moses, his servant and Aaron, whom he had chosen. ²⁷They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham. ²⁸He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel^{against} his words. ²⁹He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die.

³⁰ Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. ³¹ He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. ³² He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land. ³³ He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. ³⁴ He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number, ³⁵ which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. ³⁶ He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. ³⁷ Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled. ³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it. ³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance. ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. ⁴² For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. ⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. ⁴⁴ And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, ⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

Sermon

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II. The Covenant Blessing of Grace

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