



# THE LORD'S DAY

## Sunday, July 23, 2023

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

#### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 106:1-3**

“Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD or declare all his praise! Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.”

#### \*Hymn of Praise

**“To God Be the Glory”**

**#55**

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

**Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory great things he has done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev’ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. **Refrain**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing thro’ Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

#### \*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:

**Joel 2:12-13**

“Yet even now, ’declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.”

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Faithful Lord, we confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith. We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which you supply; we have relied on our own resources rather than trusting you to provide; we have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on you for everything that we need for life and godliness. Yet we know that even when we are faithless, you remain faithful, for you cannot deny yourself. Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, and by the power of your Spirit work in us true and genuine repentance that gives life to true and genuine faith. Grant us zealous hearts, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

## **\*Hymn of Preparation:**

## **“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”**

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“Jesus sinners doth receive”, word of surest consolation,  
word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!  
Naught like this can comfort give: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

On God’s grace we have no claim, yet to us, his pledge is given;  
He hath sworn by his own name, open are the gates of heaven.  
Take to heart this word and live: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd, pressing  
Thro’ each dark and dang’rous way, brings it back, his own possessing.  
Jesus seeks thee, O believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,  
it shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bitter passion;  
for these words I now believe: “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted;  
Christ hath purchased my release and my every sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve – “Jesus sinners doth receive.”

**25** While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. <sup>2</sup>These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Take all the chiefs of the people and hang<sup>al</sup> them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.” <sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor.” <sup>6</sup>And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting. <sup>7</sup>When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand <sup>8</sup>and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. <sup>9</sup>Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>11</sup>“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. <sup>12</sup>Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, <sup>13</sup>and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.’” <sup>14</sup>The name of the slain man of Israel, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, chief of a father's house belonging to the Simeonites. <sup>15</sup>And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was the tribal head of a father's house in Midian. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>17</sup>“Harass the Midianites and strike them down, <sup>18</sup>for they have harassed you with their wiles, with which they beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the chief of Midian, their sister, who was killed on the day of the plague on account of Peor.”

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalms 106:1-48 (Page 505-506 in the pew Bible)**

**Sermon**

**“God’s Great Love”  
“A Little Book of Psalms”**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I.      Worship Is More Than Lip Service**

**II.     We Are Part of a Bigger Story**

**III.    Understanding Grace**

**IV.    The Purpose of Grace**

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**Refrain:** Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child and forever, I am.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song. **Refrain**

**Benediction:** 2 Thessalonians 3:16

**\*Three-fold Amen.**

**\*Indicates congregation will stand, if able**

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07//23 Offering	\$	12,289.00
YTD Offering	\$	118,557.11
YTD Budget	\$	108,460.00
Building Fund	\$	245.00

**Bible Study: Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. at the church**

**Fellowship Sunday, July 30,2023 immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan to join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship.**

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

Agape Flights – Venice, FL  
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Knaebel, Chris & Rebecca – Church Planting – Sarasota, FL  
Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans  
Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England  
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