



THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1,18

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness... We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!”

*Hymn of Praise

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, stary host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

*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 25:16-18

“Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.”

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 28:8-9

“The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.”

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

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Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all – a healing stream- flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

**Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. **Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. **Refrain**

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **Refrain**

Scripture Reading:

II Chronicles 20:1-22

20 After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ²Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar” (that is, Engedi). ³Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴And Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. ⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶and said, “O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.

⁷ Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹ ‘If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.’ ¹⁰ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹ behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹² O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” ¹³ Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¹⁴ And the Spirit of the LORD came[Ⓜ] upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵ And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. ¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷ You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.” ¹⁸ Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. ¹⁹ And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. ²⁰ And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.” ²¹ And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, “Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.” ²² And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Bob Rhodes

Scripture Reading

Psalms 108:1-13

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being![Ⓜ] ² Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! ³ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ⁴ For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! ⁶ That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me!

⁷ God has promised in his holiness: “With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth. ⁸ Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet Judah my scepter. ⁹ Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe over Philistia I shout in triumph.” ¹⁰ Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? ¹¹ Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. ¹² Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! ¹³ With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Sermon

**“Valiant Soldiers”
“A Little Book of Psalms”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. A Steadfast Heart

II. A Word of Promise

III. We shall Do Valiantly

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was made incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Doxology**#731**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response: “Fling Out the Banner!”**

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Fling out the banner! Let it float skyward and seaward, high and wide;
the sun that lights its shining folds, the cross on which the Savior died.

Fling out the banner! Angels bend in anxious silence o’er the sign,
and vainly seek to comprehend the wonder of the love divine.

Fling out the banner! Heathen lands shall see from far the glorious sight,
and nations, crowding to be born, baptize their spirits in its light.

Fling out the banner! Sin-sick souls, that sink and perish in the strife,
shall touch in faith its radiant hem and spring immortal into life.

Fling out the banner! Let it float skyward and seaward, high and wide,
our glory, only in the cross; our only hope, the Crucified!

Fling out the banner! Wide and high, seaward and skyward, let it shine;
nor skill, nor might, nor merit ours; we conquer only in that sign.

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

“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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