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THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Margaret Bradly, Organ

*Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”

*Hymn of Praise

“God is Known among His People”

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God is known among his people, every mouth his praises fill;
from of old he has established his abode on Zion's hill;
there he broke the sword and arrows, bode the noise of war be still.

Excellent and glorious are you, with your trophies from the fray;
you have slain the mighty warriors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
when your anger once is risen, who can stand in that dread day?

When from heav'n your sentence sounded, all the earth in fear was still,
while to save the meek and lowly God in judgment wrought his will;
e'en the wrath of man shall praise you, your designs it shall fulfil.

Vow and pay unto Jehovah, him your God forever own;
all men, bring your gifts before him, worship him, and him alone;
mighty kings obey and fear him, princes bow before his throne.

*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 86:6-7

“Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.”

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 86:15

“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

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Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Scripture Reading:

Romans 12: 14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. ¹⁷ Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁸ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁹ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ²⁰ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²¹ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²² Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 109:1-31

Be not silent, O God of my praise! ²For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. ³They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. ⁴In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. ⁵So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love. ⁶Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand at his right hand. ⁷When he is tried, let him come forth guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin! ⁸May his days be few; may another take his office! ⁹May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow! ¹⁰May his children wander about and beg, seeking food far from the ruins they inhabit! ¹¹May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil! ¹²Let there be none to extend kindness to him, nor any to pity his fatherless children! ¹³May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation! ¹⁴May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out! ¹⁵Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth! ¹⁶For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor and needy and the brokenhearted, to put them to death. ¹⁷He loved to curse; let curses come upon him! He did not delight in blessing; may it be far from him! ¹⁸He clothed himself with cursing as his coat; may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones! ¹⁹May it be like a garment that he wraps around him, like a belt that he puts on every day! ²⁰May this be the reward of my accusers from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my life! ²¹But you, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake because your steadfast love is good, deliver me! ²²For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me. ²³I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. ²⁴My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt, with no fat. ²⁵I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads. ²⁶Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your steadfast love! ²⁷Let them know that this is your hand; you, O LORD, have done it! ²⁸Let them curse, but you will bless! They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad! ²⁹May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak! ³⁰With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. ³¹For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.

Sermon

**“Lord, Speak for Us”
“A Little Book of Psalms”**

Rev. David Stewart

I. An Imprecatory Prayer

II. A Legitimate Complaint

III. The Foundation of Our Prayers

***Hymn of Response:**

“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground!”

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Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in you may I be found, still for you my pow’rs employ,
still for you my pow’rs, employ.

Let your love my heart inflame; keep your fear before my sight;
be your praise my highest aim; be your smile my chief delight,
be your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o’er flowing grace, freely from your fulness give;
till I close my earthly race, may I prove it “Christ to live,”
may I prove it “Christ to live.”

Firmly trusting in your blood, nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood, safely reach Immanuel’s ground,
safely reach Immanuel’s ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it “Christ to live,” let me know it “gain to die,”
let me know it “gain to die.”

Benediction:

Hebrews 13: 20-12

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.”

***Three-fold Amen.**

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

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YTD Offering	\$	129,034.11
YTD Budget	\$	119,680.00
Building Fund	\$	110.00
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