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# **THE LORD'S DAY**

## **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

#### **\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 146:1-2**

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

**“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

**#103**

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you;  
all on earth your scepter claim, all in heav’n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav’ns with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord.”

Lo! The apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you;  
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you;  
and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

#### **\*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:**

**1 John 1:8-9**

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of heaven and earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 28:6-7**

“Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”

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

## **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

**#251**

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## Scripture Reading:

## Proverbs 1: 1-19

<sup>1</sup> The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup> To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, <sup>3</sup> to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; <sup>4</sup> to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—<sup>5</sup> Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, <sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup> Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, <sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. <sup>10</sup> My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. <sup>11</sup> If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; <sup>12</sup> like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; <sup>13</sup> we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; <sup>14</sup> throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse"—<sup>15</sup> my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, <sup>16</sup> for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. <sup>17</sup> For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird, <sup>18</sup> but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives. <sup>19</sup> Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

## Pastoral Prayer

**Mr. Bob Rhodes**

## Scripture Reading

## Psalms 111: 1-10

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him, he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**Sermon**

**“Godly Fear”  
“A Little Book of Psalms”**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I. A Call to Praise**

**II. True Piety**

**III. Godly Fear**

**\*Hymn of Response:**

**“Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah”**

**#598**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side,  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**Benediction:**

**Jude 23-25**

“Now unto him, who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before his presence with exceeding great joy. To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever.”

**\*Three-fold Amen.**

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

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There is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary for tithes and offerings.

08/20/23 Offering	\$	2,924.00
YTD Offering	\$	134,563.11
YTD Budget	\$	127,160.00
Building Fund	\$	245.00

**Announcements:**

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

**There is a draft of our new directory at the rear of the sanctuary today. Please stop by and review your information. If it is correct, please initial beside your name. If incorrect, please make corrections. If you do not find your name but would like to be included in our new directory, please add it at the end of the pages. (including name, address, phone number, and email address.)**

**ATTENTION MEN:**

There will be a Men’s Breakfast at Peter’s Restaurant, 2200 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte, FL, 33080 on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. You will be responsible for paying for your own breakfast.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for our paint project at Walter Christensen’s, 10210 Boggess Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34269. We will start at 9 A.M. on Saturday, September 9, and continue until it is completed. Please bring your own painting supplies (brushes, pans, rollers, etc.) with you. Paint will be provided. Anyone willing to help, contact Jack Slagter at 616-8256-0163.

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

Agape Flights – Venice, FL  
Carter, Michael & Cathalain – MTW – Nagoya, Japan  
Child Evangelism Fellowship – Charlotte County, FL  
Dalfred, Karl & Sun – OMF International - Thailand  
Grady, Miriam & son Evan – MTW – Czech Republic  
Collin & Zury – RUF Global  
Knaebel, Chris & Rebecca – Church Planting – Sarasota, FL  
Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans  
Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England  
Pregnancy Solutions – Port Charlotte, FL  
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