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~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - March 22, 2020

10:45 AM

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you are a guest with us, please sign our Welcome pads when they are passed at the start of the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4-5 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon.

Prelude

***Song of Assembly - Satisfied (Hallelujah, He has found me)**

All my life long, I had thirsted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me.

(Words - Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music - Karl Digerness, 1997; Red Mountain Music, CCLI #2815163)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Invocation

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

***Hymn of Praise** - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #92

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,
Abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin - Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Forgive us for the sins that we are not even aware of, and forgive us for those times when we knew we were sinning and still continued in it.

Lord, You are full of grace and compassion, slow to anger, and overflowing in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You!

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. *Amen.*

[silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon - Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

***Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs - O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow;
May richer, fuller, be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

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Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Ministry of Prayer - TE Caleb Ehmke

Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Ministry of the Word - "A Mighty Fortress"

Psalm 46

Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

***Hymn of Response - For All the Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed alleluia. Allelu.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. alleluia. Allelu.

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. alleluia. Allelu.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong, alleluia. Alleu!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way, alleluia. Alleluia.

***Benediction**

Postlude

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~Evening Service of Worship~
The Lord's Day - March 22, 2020
6:00 PM

Postponed