

The Lord's Day, January 17, 2021
The Christian Year: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,
where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
Hebrews 6:18-20*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 119:114, 115-116**

Minister: You are my hiding place and my shield;

People: I hope in your word.

Minister: Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,

People: and let me not be put to shame in my hope!

Unison: Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually!

***Hymn of Adoration: "How Firm a Foundation" (No. 94, verses 1-3)**

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to
stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Heavenly Father, my faith is in you, my expectations are from you, my love goes out toward you. I believe you, accept your Word, yield to your will, rely on your promises, and trust in your providence. I do not need signs and wonders to believe, for your Word is sure truth. I have cast my anchor in the port of your peace, knowing that the present and future are in your nail-pierced hands. You are so good, wise, just, and holy, that no mistake is possible to you. You are the fountain of all law; what you command is mine to obey. I yield to your sovereignty all that I am and have; do with me as you will. In the name of Jesus, I pray.
Amen.

Adapted from "Repose" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 14.2**

Minister: What do you believe concerning saving faith?

People: By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatever is revealed in the Word, because of the authority of God himself speaking in it. He also responds differently to what each particular passage contains—obeying the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

***Gloria Patri (Tune: Gloria Patri, Creatorex)**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Psalter Reading: Psalm 130

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Minister: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Minister: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

People: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

***Hymn of Approach: "How Firm a Foundation" (No. 94, verses 4-6)**

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

5 "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Glorious Jehovah, My Covenant God: All your promises in Christ Jesus are yes and amen, and all shall be fulfilled. You have spoken them, and they shall be done, commanded, and they shall come to pass. Help me to leave my concerns in your hands, for you have power over evil, and bring from it an infinite progression of good, until your purposes are fulfilled. Bless me with Abraham's faith that staggers not at promises through unbelief. Give me the confidence I ought to have in you, for you are worthy to be praised, and are blessed for evermore. Amen.

Adapted from "Divine Promises" in The Valley of Vision

A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court

A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

For the Unborn

For the Aged

For the Infirm

A Season of Prayer for Care Net

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.
(Ephesians 6:10-13)

Unison: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

*Hymn of Response: "O Church, Arise" (SH No. 2)

1 O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2 Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded
whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.

3 Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

4 So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Revelation 1:1-3

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Seth Wallace

"THAT WE MIGHT NOT DESPAIR"

*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words
of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep
what is written in it, for the time is near. (Rev. 1:1,3)*

***Hymn of Response: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (No. 295)**

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

Psalm 139 helps us to see the beauty of life that begins at conception: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This Sunday is Sanctity of Life Sunday in which we are reminded to continue our labor to protect all life because all humans are made in the image of God and are instilled with worth from Him.

➤ **Help Restock CareNet's Baby Boutique**

Once again, CTK is joining other local churches and organizations to help restock CareNet's baby boutique. There is a pack-n-play (playpen) in the narthex for your donations. Suggested donations are diapers (especially size 4-6), baby wipes, new or nearly new maternity clothes and baby clothes (up to 3T), formula, bottles, cribs and mattresses, car seats, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Beckett.

➤ **Women's Bible Study Resumes**

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study, held at the church building each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The study began January 14 and will continue through March 25. We will be going through Courtney Doctor's book *From Garden to Glory: A Bible Study on the Bible's Story*. With warmth and wisdom, we will be led through an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It is a beautiful, epic and cohesive story. It is the story of how our eternal God is on a mission to redeem and restore rebellious and wayward children. It's not a story to inform, but rather a story to transform, and it invites us to participate in this glorious redemption!

Study books may be found on the book table for \$15 each. You may deposit cash or check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. Bring a friend.