

The Lord's Day, July 31, 2022

10:30 AM Morning Service

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Minister: Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it....

People: **The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.**

Minister: He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing....

People: **You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him....**

Unison: **He is your praise. He is your God.**

*Hymn of Adoration: "[Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven](#)" (No. 77)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Lord God, we praise you and give you thanks, for your word is right and true, and you are faithful and just in all you do. By your word the heavens were made. You spoke, and all things came to be. You foil the plans of the nations and thwart the purposes of the wicked, but your plans stand firm forever and the purposes of your heart through all generations. Therefore, we trust in you alone and hope in your unfailing love. You are our help and our shield. In you our hearts rejoice, and we trust in your holy name. Amen.

from Psalm 33

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q 127**

Minister: What is the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

People: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.*

All: Thanks be to God!

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

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.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Hymn of Praise: [“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”](#) (No. 57, Tune: “Ode to Joy”)

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning,
and his purposes shall end.

2 Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression,
righteousness he will maintain.

3 Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, I pray for your Church, that she may be revived. I pray especially for this congregation, that our hearts may be drawn more deeply into fellowship with you.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community, especially for The Women's Refuge and Care Net.

Minister: I pray for those whom we know who serve Christ in this country and around the world, especially for the pastors of Tanzania (diocese of Mara-Ukerewe), the Mahands (London, England), the Mays (Peru), and the Lees (RUF at FAU).

People: We pray for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans and prisoners. Please help those in any need or trouble, especially our brothers and sisters throughout the world suffering persecution.

Minister: I pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. May they find and be found by You.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.

Minister: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. (Psalm 89:8, 13-14)

People: Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "[Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)" (No. 457)

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading of The Holy Scriptures: [Jeremiah 21:1-22:30](#)

The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Message to Judah's Kings" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

*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

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Needed: Nursery Volunteers**

We are always seeking volunteers for the nursery, not only to care for the kids during the service but also to keep their space free of dirt and germs. If you would like to help with the regular cleaning of the toys in the nursery, please see Susan Parsons for more details. Thank you!

➤ **From the Fellowship Committee**

Many thanks to everyone who worked on the Kitchen Crew during this past year. You helped bring fun, fellowship, and tasty treats to both young and old. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex for the coming year, beginning in September. Please consider helping in the kitchen before worship service by placing goodies on trays, making coffee, and staying to clean up. A member of the Fellowship Committee will be on hand the first Sunday of each month to assist. A list of duties may be found in the kitchen. If you have questions, please see Carolyn Beckett or Bev Bell. Thank you.