

The Lord's Day, January 29, 2023

10:30 AM Morning Service

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore"
Revelation 1:17-18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Isaiah 41:10**

Minister: Fear not, for I am with you;

People: be not dismayed, for I am your God;

Minister: I will strengthen you, I will help you,

People: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Unison: O rejoice in the Lord!

***Hymn of Adoration: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (No. 598)**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art 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.

3 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.

2 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.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Almighty and everlasting God: Your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Father, you are our portion; therefore we hope in you. You are good to those who wait on you, to those whose souls seek you; therefore, we will wait quietly for your aid. In the name of Jesus, our savior and our hope, we pray. Amen.

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 27, 28**

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: God's providence is his almighty and ever-present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Minister: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

People: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

***Gloria Patri: Tune: Ode to Joy**

Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Glorify His mighty name.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 62

Minister: My souls finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Minister: How long will you assault a man?

People: Would all of you throw him down – this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

Minister: They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place; they take delight in lies.

People: With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.

Minister: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Minister: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Minister: Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie;

People: if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

Minister: Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods;

People: though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Minister: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

People: Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

Hymn of Praise: "In Christ Alone" (SH No. 9)

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all –
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid –
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death –
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home –
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Prayers of the People

Minister: Mighty God, our Rock and our Shield, you are our deliverer and our refuge from danger. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death.

People: But Father, we confess that we do fear.

Minister: You have told us to rest from our own striving.

People: But we confess that we rely on our own strength. Often, we are consumed with anxiety, shaken by this world and by our own weakness.

Minister: You have promised to work all things together for our spiritual blessing and good.

People: But we confess that we doubt your love and argue with your wisdom.

Minister: We read of your faithfulness to Abraham and Sarah as a promise-keeping God,

People: But we confess that we wonder if you will still be faithful to us, their children. Father, forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which make us doubt your love, your Word, and your power to hold onto us and to work all things together for our good.

Unison: Lord, thank you that in the midst of our faltering belief, you have provided a strong and powerful Savior. Please guide us with your powerful hand through this barren, desert land. Grant us eyes to see our Savior, who pleads for us as he bears wounds that proclaim, "No condemnation." Grow our faith to believe in your relentless love for us. Give us strong minds to discern your truth from Satan's lies. And grant us joyful hope to long for heaven, and grace to find rest and contentment in you on our journey there. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

*Adapted from *Prone to Wander: Prayer of Confession and Celebration* by Duguid*

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Hymn of Response: "Jesus, Love of My Soul" (No. 508)

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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: Jeremiah 40:13-41:18**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Betrayal" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (No. 92)**

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
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.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to join our Bible Study, which meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying the first 18 chapters of the Book of Exodus, using Jen Wilkin's book, *God of Deliverance*. In this ten-week study, Jen shows us that Israel's story is our story; the same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from sin and slavery to eternal life.

➤ **Sanctity of Life Month**

In recognition of Sanctity of Life Month, CTK will once again collect much needed items for CareNet's Baby Boutique. All baby and toddler items are appreciated, but the boutique always needs diapers size 4, 5, and 6, baby wipes, new or nearly new clothes size 6 months thru 2T, cribs, car seats, and strollers. Donations may be placed in or next to the pack-n-play in the narthex throughout the month of January. Your donations are a vital part in supporting women who choose life! Thank you!

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

Men's Fellowship Time will meet Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at Roadside Restaurant (2555 27th Ave, Vero Beach 32960).