

**The Lord's Day, March 12, 2023**  
**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*  
*Proverbs 16:18*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-8**

Minister: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High....**

Minister: You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever....

**People: But the Lord sits enthroned forever;**

Minister: he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

**Unison: Come, let us praise our God!**

**\*Hymn of Adoration: "Immortal, Invisible" (No. 38)**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and  
love.

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

**O God All-Sufficient: You have made and uphold all things by the word of your power. Darkness is your pavilion; you walk on the wings of the wind. All nations are as nothing before you. One generation succeeds another, and we hasten back to the dust; but you, unchangeable and incorruptible, are for ever and ever, God over all, blessed eternally. Amen.**

*Adapted from "God Over All" from *The Valley of Vision**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1**

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*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.**

**Psalter Reading: Psalm 9:7-11**

**Minister:** The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

**People:** **He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice.**

**Minister:** The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**People:** **Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord have never forsaken those who seek you.**

**Minister:** Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

**People:** **proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

**Hymn of Response: "O Lord Most High, with All My Heart" (No. 48, Tune: "As the Hart Longs")**

1 O Lord Most High, with all my heart  
your wondrous works I will proclaim;  
I will be glad and give you thanks  
and sing the praises of your name.

2 The Lord, the everlasting King,  
is seated on his judgment throne;  
the righteous Judge of all the world  
will make His perfect justice known.

3 Jehovah will a refuge prove,  
a refuge strong for all oppressed,  
a safe retreat, where weary souls  
in troubled times may surely rest.

4 All they, O Lord, that know your name  
their confidence in you will place,  
for you have ne'er forsaken them  
who earnestly have sought your face.

5 Sing praises to the Lord Most High,  
to him who does in Zion dwell;  
declare his mighty deeds abroad,  
his deeds among the nations tell.

**Public Confession**

**Father, we confess that our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked beyond our comprehension. We are more sinful than we know. But you, Lord, search our hearts and test our minds. Please, forgive our hidden sins and cleanse our hearts. We also confess that our hearts are rebellious, and we often sin willfully, knowingly. Please, Father, forgive us for these presumptuous sins. By the power of your Word and the Holy Spirit, please restrain our evil hearts. Do not let sin have dominion over us. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight. We come to you, in the name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Private Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Assurance**

**Minster:** If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:31-14)

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

### **Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (No. 305)**

1 Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears:  
the bleeding Sacrifice  
in my behalf appears:  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
before the throne my Surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede,  
his all-redeeming love,  
his precious blood to plead;  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers,  
they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled;  
his pard'ning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child,  
I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

### **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 50-51**

#### **The Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Sermon: "Woe to Babylon" (Rev. Seth Wallace)**

#### **\*Hymn of Response and Preparation: "Behold the Lamb" (SH No. 7, verses 1-3)**

1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

2 The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation and Instructions**

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is anyone with whom you are not at peace with so far as it depends on you (Rom. 12:18), please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.*

*The bread is gluten free.*

*Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served  
so that we may partake together.*

### **\*Departing Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" (SH No. 7, verse 4)**

4 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

### **\*The Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

**The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Please use the mercy box to make your gift. Many thanks to you!**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ➤ **Sunday School**

Sunday School for all ages is meeting at 9:00 a.m. Classes will continue through next Sunday.

### ➤ **Women's Spring Luncheon**

All women of the church are invited to the Annual Women's Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, March 18, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** at the church. Join in the food, fun and fellowship as we greet our guest speaker, Ruth Stewart. Ruth will share with us some of the ways in which we can protect ourselves, whether we live alone or with someone. In addition, Ruth will share health tips and nutrition pointers to help us to possibly avoid serious illness. There is no cost for the luncheon, but donations are accepted. If you plan to attend, please remember to add your name to the signup sheet located in the foyer. The Fellowship Committee needs to be able to plan for the number of women who will be in attendance. We look forward to a large turnout to enjoy a meal together and to hear Ruth's talk. Please feel free to bring a friend or two, or more!

### ➤ **Fellowship Luncheon**

Linger a little longer after worship service and join in the fun, food and fellowship on March 26. The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches or a salad, enough to feed 8 people. A signup sheet is located in the foyer, or you may go to [www.ctkvb.org](http://www.ctkvb.org) to sign up. Please remember to sign up so the Fellowship Committee will know how to plan. We look forward to a good turnout. Bow ties and tiaras optional!

### ➤ **Women's Bible Study**

Our study the first 18 chapters of the Book of Exodus, using Jen Wilkin's book, *God of Deliverance*, concludes this Thursday.

### ➤ **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).

### ➤ **Volunteer Schedules**

The volunteer schedule for March-May has been sent out and a hard copy is in the narthex. If you did not receive an email, please contact Minda at ([minda@ctkvb.org](mailto:minda@ctkvb.org)). You should receive a reminder the week before your scheduled date.

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry responsibility, please do your best to arrange for a substitute and let Minda know so she can update the list in the bulletin. Thanks!

We thank you for your service to our church family!