

The Lord's Day, March 26, 2023

10:30 AM Morning Service

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Isaiah 46:8-11**

Minister: "Remember this and stand firm....I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,

People: declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying,

Minister: 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'.... I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.'"

Unison: Come, let us give praise to our Sovereign God.

***Hymn of Adoration: "The God of Abram Praise" (No. 34)**

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3 He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

4 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

5 There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6 The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

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*)

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21**

Minister: What is true faith?

People: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: To God Be the Glory)**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he has done!

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 6:10-20

Hymn of Preparation: "Before the Throne" (SH No. 6)

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

2 When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

The Prayers of the People

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy; and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose: in the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Minister: Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live.

People: We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed.

Minister: We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health.

People: We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.

Minister: For all your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

Minister: And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

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

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground" (No. 518)**

1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in you may I be found,
still for you my pow'rs employ,
still for you my pow'rs employ.

2 Let your love my heart inflame;
keep your fear before my sight;
be your praise my highest aim;
be your smile my chief delight,
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
freely from your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race,
may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,
nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood,
safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give
to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live,"
let me know it "gain to die,"
let me know it "gain to die."

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: Joshua 21:43-45**

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "No Falling Words" (Rev. Clayton Shaver)

***Hymn of Response: "Forever Settled in the Heavens (No. 59)**

1 Forever settled in the heav'ns,
thy word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
thy faithfulness shall never fail;
the earth abides at thy command.

2 Thy word and works unmoved remain,
thine ev'ry purpose to fulfil;
all things are thine and thee obey,
and all as servants wait thy will.

3 I should have perished in my woe
had not I loved thy law divine;
that law I never can forget;
O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

4 The wicked would destroy my soul,
but in thy truth is refuge sure;
exceeding broad is thy command,
and in perfection shall endure.

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational 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

➤ **Easter Lilies**

We will be decorating the sanctuary with lilies for Easter. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form (see the insert) and include your payment.

➤ **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday Service: April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service: April 7 at 12:00 p.m.

➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to attend Bible study beginning at 10:00 a.m. on April 13 and ending May 11. All sessions will be held at the church with Donna Robart and Jennifer Kennedy Cassidy leading in person and via Zoom. We will learn how, when, and why, as God's people, we are to witness to others. We will learn through a ministry called Evangelism Explosion, which trains people how to share their faith in Christ and how to bring people from unbelief to belief. It utilizes a variety of components, including prayer, role-playing, sharing, and the principle of spiritual multiplication. What is spiritual multiplication? Come to the study and find out; you will be amazed. Bring a friend or two, but don't miss out on this opportunity.

The sign-up sheet for this study is on the book table, where you can also purchase the book for \$5.

➤ **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).