The Lord's Day, May 28, 2023
10:30 AM Morning Service

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10**

Minister: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;

People: to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Unison: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

***Hymn of Adoration: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (No. 164)**

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Gracious Father, we praise you for sending Immanuel, your beloved Son, to dwell among men, to reveal your glory and your grace, and to proclaim your truth. We thank you that he came as a servant, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. We thank you that he suffered temptation, yet without sin. We praise you that for our sake, he endured the shame and agony of the cross, that he bore our sins and took the wrath that we deserve. We rejoice that you raised him from the dead and that he now sits at your right hand, where he intercedes for us. And we exalt in your promise that he will come again for us and that one day in the new heaven and the new earth, you will dwell with your people, that you will wipe every tear from our eyes, that there will be no more mourning or crying or pain. And so we cry, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

***Confession 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.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

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

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.
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 thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

Psalter Reading: Psalm 30

Minister: I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

People: O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

Minister: O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

People: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

Minister: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

People: weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Minister: When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

People: O Lord, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

Minister: To you, O Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

People: "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?

Minister: "Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

People: "Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me; O Lord, be my help."

Minister: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

People: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

***Hymn of Response: "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.

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Blessed Lord, your Word searches our hearts and convicts us and calls us to confess and repent.

People: We confess that we are not poor in spirit: rather, we are proud and self-dependent.

Minister: We confess that we do not mourn over our sin and the sin of others: rather, we hide and excuse our own sin, while judging others for their sin.

People: We confess that we are not meek but are eager to defend our own rights and reputations, while caring little for your good name and the name of others.

Minister: We confess that we hunger and thirst far more to get our own way than for your righteousness.

People: We confess that we easily forget the mercy we have received, and do not show mercy towards others.

Minister: We confess that our hearts are not pure but are divided between serving you and serving our idols.

People: We confess that instead of loving and pursuing your peace, we harbor jealous thoughts that promote strife in our words and actions.

Minister: We confess that we flee from the smallest hint of persecution, eagerly protecting our own comfort and security, instead of boldly proclaiming your truth.

Unison: We acknowledge that for all these sins, we deserve your wrath and eternal punishment. We repent of our sin. And we give thanks that Jesus took our sin upon himself, that he paid for our sins with his own blood, and that he gave us his robes of righteousness. In his name we come to you. Amen.

From *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration* by Duguid

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**: **"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (No. 254)**

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for such a worm as I!

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
he groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died
for man the creature's sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes in tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away,
'tis all that I can do.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")**

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 5:1-12**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Beatitudes: Part Two" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (No. 345)**

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?–
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

***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

- **Volunteer Schedule**
  The volunteer schedule for June, July, and August will be sent out this week. We could still use more nursery volunteers. If you would like to serve our CTK families in this way, please see Susan Parsons. Also, please email Minda Templeton (minda@ctkvb.org) if you know you'll be out of town certain weeks so that she can avoid scheduling conflicts. Thank you!

- **Spring Cookout**
  Join us for our annual cookout following worship service today. Hamburgers, hotdogs and Chef Mike's special BBQ will be featured. You don't want to miss this special time of fellowship.

- **Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net Pregnancy Center of IRC**
  Fill a Bottle, Save a LIFE! Help Care Net share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. If you wish to participate, pick up a bottle in the church foyer, fill it up, and return it by Sunday, June 18.

- **Men's Fellowship Time on Break**
  Men's Fellowship Time will take a hiatus and resume at the end of summer.

- **Ladies, Save the Date**
  All women of the church are invited to a luncheon on August 17. More details to follow.