

# The Lord's Day, April 14, 2024

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:6*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 67

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Minister: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**Unison: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

#### \*Hymn of Adoration: "Jesus Shall Reign" (No. 441)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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

**Almighty God, we praise you! Through the blood of your Son, you have redeemed for yourself people from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. And by your grace, we are a part of that great multitude. How we long for the day when together we will stand in your presence, clothed in robes of righteousness, rejoicing and crying out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And our hearts will echo the song of the angels as they fall on their faces and worship you, saying, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

#### \*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q 32

Minister: Why do you call Jesus our Lord?

**People: Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.**

**Unison: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria (Tune: Hyfrydol)**

**God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.**

**Psalter Reading: Psalm 22**

Minister: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**People: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?**

Minister: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

**People: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.**

Minister: In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

**People: They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.**

Minister: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

**People: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads;**

Minister: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.

**People: "Let him deliver him, since he delights in him"**

Minister: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

**People: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

Minister: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**People: Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.**

Minister: Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

**People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.**

Minister: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

**People: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.**

Minister: Dogs have surrounded me;

**People: a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.**

Minister: I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

**People: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.**

Minister: But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

**People: Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.**

Minister: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

**People: I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.**

### Hymn of Preparation: "Man of Sorrows" (No. 246)

1 Man of Sorrows! what a name  
for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

3 Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;  
spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

4 Lifted up was he to die,  
"It is finished!" was his cry:  
now in heav'n exalted high:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. If you dealt with us as we deserve, we would not receive any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show us mercy and forgive all of our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts so that, not only the actions of our life, but the words of our mouths and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever, Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Encouragement

Minister: But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Unison: **Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "The Power of the Cross" (SH No. 5)

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*Chorus:*

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

## 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: Matthew 9:35-38

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!**

### \*The Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon: "Lord of the Harvest" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

### \*Hymn of Response: "Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands" (No. 427)

1 Amidst us our Beloved stands,  
and bids us view his pierced hands;  
points to the wounded feet and side,  
blest emblems of the Crucified.

2 What food luxurious loads the board,  
when at his table sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
we see the signs, but see not him;  
O may his love the scales displace,  
and bid us see him face to face!

4 O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
your present smile a heav'n imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be,  
let every saint your glory see!

## 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.*

### \*Hymn of Response: "O God, to Us Show Mercy" (No. 437)

1 O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace;  
cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face;  
that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

2 O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;  
in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;  
for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,  
and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

3 O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,  
for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.  
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,  
and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

## \*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

### ➤ **Collecting Games for Care Net**

Isabelle McShea's American Heritage Girls troop is collecting new and/or gently used games for Care Net. The games need to be appropriate for children. Puzzles, card games, board games, and outdoor games are welcome. Please bring them to church by April 21. If you bring a used game, please ensure that no pieces are missing or damaged. Thank you!

### ➤ **Fellowship Luncheon**

Everyone is invited to an international luncheon following the worship service on April 21. If you have a favorite international main dish, side, salad or dessert, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex or online at [www.ctkvb.org](http://www.ctkvb.org). If you'd like to bring a copy of your recipe to share, please do so. It's important to sign up so that the Fellowship Committee will know how many saints plan to attend. It has been rumored that luncheons consumed at CTK are void of calories, carbs and catalpa. So, come, join in and see for yourself!

### ➤ **Fun & Fellowship Night**

Please make plans to join us at 6:00 PM on Friday, April 19, for an evening of fun and fellowship. More details to follow.

### ➤ **Women's Book Group**

Ladies, you are invited to participate in a book group meeting, which will take place at the church on April 11 and 18, beginning at 10:30 AM. We will read and discuss *Joni: An Unforgettable Story*. Pastor Seth referred to Joni in one of his recent sermons, and the leaders of Bible Study thought it would be inspiring to learn more about Joni's journey. Books may be purchased online for around \$14. At each session, we will also have a time for praise, prayer, and petition. Bring a friend!

### ➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.