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MARK 12:1

We gather to worship Jesus Christ, the Stone which the builders rejected.

Preparatory Hymn

"How Firm A Foundation"

Welcome

Scriptural Call to Worship

Psalm 118:21-24

Prayer of Praise

Hymn

"Nothing But The Blood"

Hymn

"Hark! I Hear The Harps Eternal"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

Hymn

"I Hear the Words of Love"

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Petition

Sermon

Mark 12:1-12

The Parable of the Tenants

Hymn

"How Deep The Father's Love for Us"

Hymn

"Jesus Paid It All"

Hymn

"Doxology"

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Moment of Silent Reflection



SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 118:21-24

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF PRAISE



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HARK I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL



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SCRIPTURE READING

- 5 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
 My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
- He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
- And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
- What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
 When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
- And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
 I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
- I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and briers and thorns shall grow up;
 I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 22:1-14

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

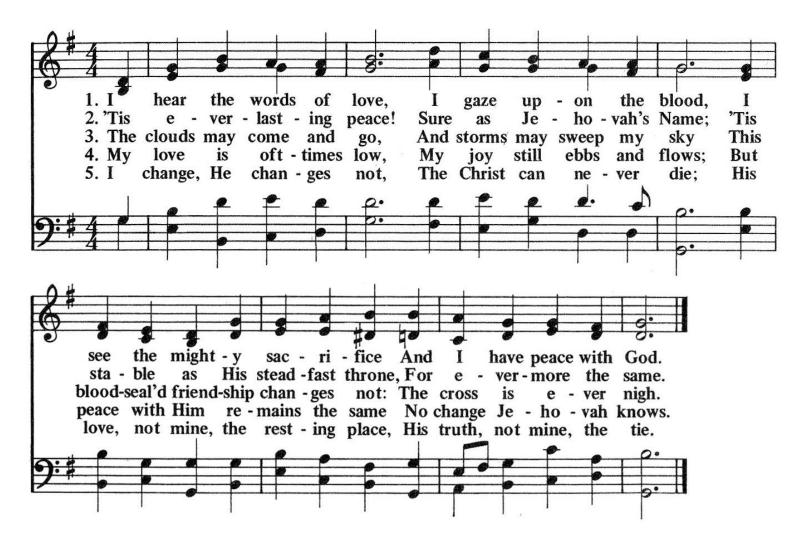
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

I HEAR THE WORDS OF LOVE



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SERMON

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

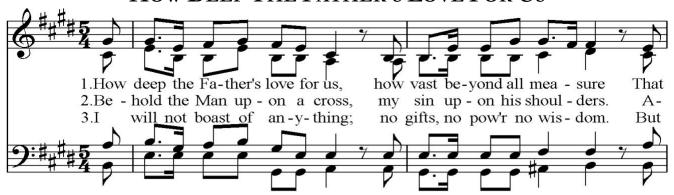
MARK 12:1-12

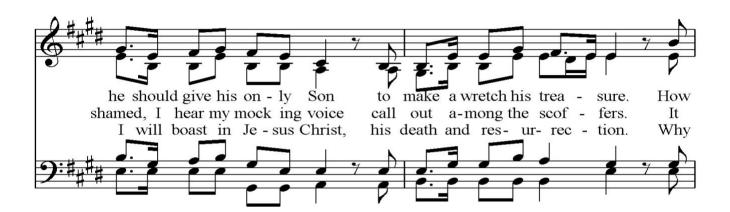
12 And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. ² When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ And they took him and beat him and sent him away emptyhanded. ⁴ Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son.' ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸ And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this Scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

¹² And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



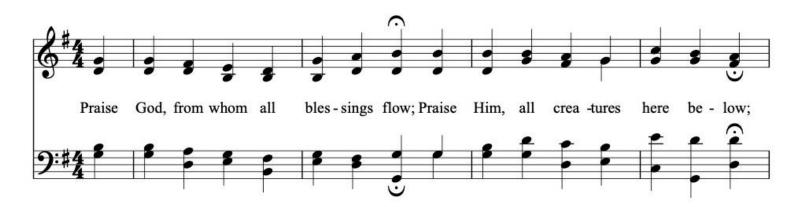


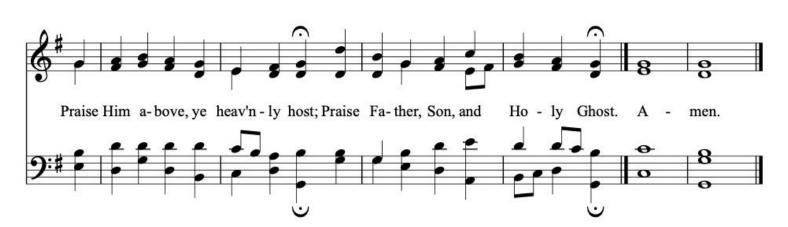






DOXOLOGY





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WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Baptism is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

Discipleship is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

Membership is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

Service to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

VISITORS & GUESTS

Welcome! If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally.

You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



Families with Children We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Prayer Meeting - Tonight

Please join us for our prayer meeting tonight at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday Service

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to join us for our Good Friday service on March 29th at 5:30PM as we remember Christ's death in our place.

No Sunday School - Next Sunday

There will be no Discipleship Hour classes next week. Plan to join us for main service at 10:45AM.

Easter Meals

Sign up to host or attend an Easter Meal by March 27th. See Sally Hoagland to register. This will be a great opportunity to fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Sermon Text for Next Week: Mark 12:13-17

CHURCH INFO

FBC Website







Wednesday Zoom Prayer 6:30pm

