

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day
January 16, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Arranged by Marilyn Ham

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

The Invocation

***Hymn of Praise 2 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)**

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 7:6-9

Installation of Women's Ministry Officers

***Song of Praise**

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul.
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (*Chorus 2x*)

Yes, I will worship your holy name.
Lord, I worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, oh, my soul.
I worship your holy name.
Yes, I will worship your holy name.
Lord, I worship your holy name.

The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory: Chancel Choir

Come to Jesus (Untitled Hymn)
By Chris Rice

***Doxology**

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.
(During this song, children ages 4-6 may go to Children's Worship)

Sermon Series: Romans: Gospel Partnership
Sermon Text: Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)
Sermon Title: Shaped by the Gospel

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

We are looking this morning at Romans 5:6-11. We need to recognize that an encounter with God's love will never leave you unchanged. Maybe that is why, as Christians, we struggle with God's love. Not necessarily believing intellectually in God's love, but being embraced, gripped by His love. Because deep down we know that His love is a power that will change us, and we do not really want to change.

The passage we explored last week, Romans 5:1-5, ended with the words, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." In other words, when you become a Christian, you get a subjective experience of God's love that empowers us to love God in return. And then v.6 begins with the word "for" showing us that this passage (vv.6-11) is closely connected to what preceded it, namely, God's love being poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Thus, the flow of thought in the entire passage of vv.1-11 is that vv.1-5 speak of the reality of our living hope while vv.6-11 give us the ground of that hope. In other words, we learn here how we are shaped by the gospel. And this morning we will explore the ground of our living hope that shapes us in the gospel in two ways:

- I. Because of God's Benevolent Grace
- II. Because of God's Comprehensive Grace

Reflection

"As those who are chosen, blessed, broken, and given, we are called to live our lives with a deep joy and peace. It is the life of the Beloved, lived in a world constantly trying to convince us that the burden is on us to prove that we are worthy of being loved." (Henri J.M. Nouwen)

***Hymn 455 (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5)**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above
(So free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!)
And bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me! (*Chorus*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (*Chorus*)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*Chorus*)

***The Benediction**

Postlude

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