

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

***The Lord's Day***  
**January 29, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Amy Reber**

***In Christ Alone***  
*Arranged by Mark Hayes*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2**

*Praise the LORD, all nations!*

*Extol him, all peoples!*

<sup>2</sup> *For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

*Praise the LORD!*

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 457**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –  
Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## Confession of Sin

### Need of Confession: Romans 7:15-19

*<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

### Personal Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1-4

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

## 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 (unison) / 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.**

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory: Chancel Choir**

#### ***If We Will Seek the Lord***

*By Nancy Price and Don Besig*

### **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.

### ***Sermon Series: Romans - Gospel Partnership*** ***Part III: Gospel People (It's Not About Us)*** ***Romans 9:14-24***

*<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.*

*<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has*

prepared beforehand for glory—<sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

## Hymn 498

### *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*(Chorus)*

Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me,  
He, my pilot, hears my cry. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! I do now receive him,  
More than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine. *(Chorus)*

## The Benediction

## Postlude

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