

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

*The Lord's Day*

**January 8, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Lindsey Lipscomb**

**Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36**

*<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

*<sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"*

*<sup>35</sup> "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"*

*<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 347 (vss. 1-3, 5-6)**

## ***The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Need of Confession: Matthew 4:17**

*<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

#### **Personal Confession of Sin**

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Acts 4:12**

*<sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

### **Song of Praise 642 (vss. 1-2, 4-5)**

#### ***Be Thou My Vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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: Carlton Curtis**

*Thank You*

**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***

***Privilege and Passion: Romans 9:1-5***

***Pastor Jeff Birch***

*I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup> To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.*

**Hymn 500 (vss. 1-2)**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears for ever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Hymn 500 (vss. 3-4)**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

**The Benediction**

**Postlude**

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