

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

*The Lord's Day*

**October 9, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber**

*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

*by William Bradbury*

**Call to Worship: I Chronicles 29:10-13**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 2 (verses 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!

**Confession of Sin**

**Need of Confession: 1 John 5:21**

*Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

**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: 1 Timothy 1:15**

*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

**Song of Praise**

***We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
He has done great things, we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.  
We will not be burned by the fire;  
He is the Lord, our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood;  
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. (chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom. (chorus)  
The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**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. Amen.**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: Chancel Choir**

***How Great Thou Art***

*by Stuart K. Hine*

**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: Why the Church?**  
**Part Three: Stewardship**  
**True Treasure, Matthew 6:19-34 (ESV)**

*19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. 25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* (Matthew 6:21). What and where is your treasure? What or who is your master? Your real, functional master. And on what is your vision focused? These are difficult diagnostic questions, but these are questions that must be asked by all of us as we steward the lives that God has given us. Life is stewardship.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, of which Matthew 6 is a part, is all about describing life in the kingdom of God. It is not about how to get into the kingdom, for that is a gift to be received by grace. But what does the kingdom life look like? We have been given the kingdom and we are called to live as stewards of the kingdom.

What an amazing privilege and awesome responsibility. And yet, the kingdom life is the flourishing life. And Jesus says the key to a flourishing life (not always the easiest life) is having Him as your true treasure. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:19-34 we will see:

- I. Jesus’ Diagnosis
- II. Jesus’ Prescription

**Reflection**

*“What does it mean, then, to allow Jesus to be Lord of our lives? Just this: whatever controls us is our lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by the people he or she wants to please. We do not control*

*ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our life. If Jesus is our Lord, then He is the One who controls, He has the ultimate power. There are no bargains. We cannot manipulate Him by playing let's make a deal. If He is Lord, the only option open to us is to do His will, to let Him have control. [Of course] Jesus remains Lord whether we accept Him or not. His Lordship, His essence, is not affected by what we choose. But our lives are drastically changed by our choice."*  
(Rebecca M. Pippert)

### **Hymn 252 (vss. 1-2)**

#### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

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

### **Hymn 252 (vss. 3-4)**

#### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **The Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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