

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Travis Skillingstad

Mission Update: Dawn Clifton

Prelude: Amy Reber, piano

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and music by Stuart Townend, arranged by Mark Hayes

Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1-2

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

² Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Confession of Sin: Pastor Mike Palombo

Need of Confession: Psalm 69:5

⁵ O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Lord, our hearts are restless. They are deceitful and full of wickedness. Yet You are gracious because of Christ. Lord, we ask that our hearts find their rest in You. Here are our hearts, Lord. We offer them to You, promptly and sincerely, for the sake of Your Son, Amen. (Adapted from Augustine, Jeremiah 17:9 and John Calvin's motto)

Assurance of Pardon: Zephaniah 3:17

¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 34

Pastor: Why do we call Him “our Lord”?

People: Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

Song of Praise

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see his face;
There I’ll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Rich & Jan Driessnack

The Lord's Prayer

By Albert Malotte

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 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)

Sermon Series: Nehemiah: Rebuild, Restore, Renew

Living a Life of Dedication: Nehemiah 12:27-43

Pastor Jeff Birch

²⁷ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸ And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites; ²⁹ also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. ³⁰ And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.

³¹ Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. One went to the south on the wall to the Dung Gate. ³² And after them went Hoshaiiah and half of the leaders of Judah, ³³ and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, ³⁴ Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, ³⁵ and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, son of Shemaiah, son of Mattaniah, son of Micaiah, son of Zaccur, son of Asaph; ³⁶ and his relatives, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them. ³⁷ At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east.

³⁸ The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north, and I followed them with half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, ³⁹ and above the Gate of Ephraim, and by the Gate of Yeshanah, and by the Fish Gate and the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, to the Sheep Gate; and they came to a halt at the Gate of the Guard. ⁴⁰ So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; ⁴¹ and the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; ⁴² and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. ⁴³ And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.

Hymn 688

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Benediction

Postlude

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