

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

February 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mary Strickland

Good, Good Father

By Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Confession of Sin:

Need of Confession: Genesis 6:5

⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 30:18

¹⁸ Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Song of Praise

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken?

We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

We do.

But do you know that all the dark

Won't stop the light from getting through?

We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

We do.

Is all creation groaning?

It is.

Is a new creation coming?

It is.

Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst?

It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this?

He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

He does.

Does the Spirit move among us?

He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah,

Hold forever those he loves?

He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

To reign with the Son.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy of this?

He is.

Is he worthy?

Is he worthy?

He is.

He is.

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

Before the Throne of God Above
(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

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 (The Message of Salvation)

Romans 10:5-13

Pastor Jeff Birch

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Hymn 693

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Chorus)

The Benediction

Postlude

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