

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day
March 17, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Travis Skillingstad

Prelude: Amy Reber, piano

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
By John B. Dykes, arranged by Tom Fettke

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

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

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Lord, we confess that we do not see ourselves as we ought. We are excessively confident in our own sufficiency. We habitually trust our own wisdom. We constantly overestimate our abilities, our resources, and our strengths. We fail to acknowledge that in reality we are weak, poor, wretched, and blind. In our ignorance of the truth, we deprive ourselves of Your grace, of Your strength in our weakness, and of Your

sufficiency for the many ways in which we are lacking. Lord, we confess to You our sin of pride. We humble ourselves before You. We acknowledge our desperate need of You. We ask that, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, You will help us see ourselves as You see us. Help us to know fully our constant need for You. And may we walk in Your grace, Your strength, and Your sufferings. We pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:5

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Speak, O Lord

By Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, arranged by Joseph Martin

Doxology 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Luke: Love Came Down

The Power of Forgiveness

Luke 5:17-26

Pastor Jeff Birch

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Hymn 307 (verses 1-4)

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea —
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

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