

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Mike Palombo
Commissioning of Deacon Assistants**

Prelude: Lynne Fowlkes & Ned Boyd, flutists

Great is Thy Faithfulness

By William Runyon, arr. by Karen Kuehmann

Call to Worship: Psalm 149:1

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

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 111

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Galatians 5:16-18

¹⁶ *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.* ¹⁷ *For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.* ¹⁸ *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

O Good Shepherd, seek me out, and bring me home to Thy fold again. Deal favorably with me according to Thy good pleasure, till I may dwell in Thy house all the days of my life, and praise Thee for ever and ever with them that are there. Amen. (Jerome 342-420)

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,* ⁵ *even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—* ⁶ *and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,* ⁷ *so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Song of Praise

Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified son;
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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: Ned Boyd

It Is Well with My Soul

By Horatio Spafford and Phillip Bliss, arr. by Anna Laura Page

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.

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sermon Series: Lent (Encountering Jesus)

Engaging Reality

Luke 13:1-9

Pastor Jeff Birch

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Hymn 537

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always and feed on his Word.
Make friends with God's children,
Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.

By looking to Jesus like him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
And run not before him what ever betide;
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,
And looking to Jesus still trust in his Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;
Each thought and each motive beneath his control;
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

The Benediction

Postlude

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