

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Amy Reber

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (tune: Hamburg)

By Victor Labenske

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 642

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (The Book of Common Worship, 1946).

Assurance of Pardon: Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Song of Praise

Because He Lives

God sent his Son they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Chorus)

Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a new born baby;
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

(Repeat Chorus)

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

(Repeat Chorus)

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

Come and Be Joyful (from "Gloria")

By Antonio Vivaldi

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 5, 2023

*Sermon Series: Lent: Encountering Jesus
He Will Fight for You*

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor Jeff Birch

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."⁸ And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

*"You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve."*

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written,

*"He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,"*

¹¹ and

*"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."*

¹² And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Hymn 55

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

(Chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory- great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Chorus)

Great things he has taught us,
Great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

The Benediction

Postlude

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