

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

April 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Travis Skillingstad

Prelude: Amy Reber

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here
Daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand
Guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,

Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Hebrews 3:12-13

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Song of Praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Chorus)

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with
The Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with
Grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)

The Lord's Prayer / 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

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out

By Mark Hayes

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.

New Life Sermon Series: Romans - Gospel Partnership
Part III: Gospel People (God's Purpose in Our Stumbling)
Romans 11:7-15
Pastor Jeff Birch

⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸ as it is written,

“God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that would not see
and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day.”

⁹ And David says,

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;
¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,

and bend their backs forever.”

¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To the glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

The Benediction

Postlude