

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

May 15, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber, piano and Mrs. Lynne Fowlkes, flute

Traumerai

*From Reveries Op. 15 No.7
Arranged by Robert Schumann*

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:22-24

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success.
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Confession of Sin:

Need of Confession Jeremiah 2:12-13

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

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 / 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

Be Still

By Herb Frombach and Mary McDonald

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

Sermon Text: Romans 8:5-11 (ESV)

Sermon Title: The Ministry of the Spirit

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

We are continuing to look this morning at Romans, the Bible's Mount Everest. We are taking our next step in this journey, the next movement in Paul's great cantata of the gospel. We mentioned last week that Romans is perhaps the best exposition of the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit. So, this morning we are exploring vv.5-11 and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

One of my favorite books on the Holy Spirit is J. I. Packer's classic work, *Keep in Step With the Spirit*. In it he details how the Spirit's main function, according to John 16:14, is to bring glory to Christ by taking from what is His and manifesting it to us. Packer's illustration is that the Spirit is like a floodlight that shines on Jesus. If the floodlight is doing its job properly you never see the floodlight, only the object it is shining on.

And that object is Jesus. The Spirit is in love with Jesus, and His work is to bring us into love with the Son of God. Packer calls the Spirit "The great matchmaker."

We will explore this text by looking at two ways the Spirit is changing us. The Spirit transforms us by:

- I. Giving Us a New Direction
- II. Giving Us a New Life

Reflection

*“The Christian’s life in all its aspects – intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness – is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it.” (J. I. Packer, *Keep in Step With the Spirit*)*

Hymn 335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal
Would thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
Would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Speak my Lord’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail,
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope,
Pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would
Choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give to him who gave me thee!

The Benediction

Postlude