

**MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
***The Lord's Day***  
**May 29, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Mrs. Lynne Fowlkes, flute**

***Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring***

**Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise**

***How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

**Confession of Sin:**

**Need of Confession Psalm 69:5**

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

**Personal Confession of Sin**

### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

### **Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 1:18**

<sup>18</sup>“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

### **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.  
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

### **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: Mrs. Cheryl Tabler, alto and Mrs. Lynne Fowlkes, alto recorder**

***Christ Be in My Waking***

*By Stuart Townend*

**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 8:18-27 (ESV)***

***Sermon Title: The Spirit of Hope***

*<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

We have been going through Romans 8 focusing on how the Holy Spirit is the key to our experiencing God. The Holy Spirit helps us to not just know about God, but to truly know and experience Him. We have seen that the Holy Spirit does this by making real to our heart the person and work of Christ.

This morning we will be looking at Romans 8:18-27 and the Spirit of hope. Paul begins by stating, “*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*” Now, with everything going on, all the death and dying, the violence, disease, and disaster, we need to cultivate a biblical hope in our lives and perspectives. Part of the Holy Spirit’s role is to help us to hope, to actualize these realities so that we may experience God and that He may become more real to us.

How does the Spirit help us? We will explore three ways in this text this morning.

- I. Our Need of Hope
- II. The Scope of Hope
- III. The Fruit of Hope

## Reflection

*“For hope makes it possible to look beyond the fulfillment of urgent wishes and pressing desires and offers a vision beyond human suffering and even death.” (Henri Nouwen)*

## Hymn 691

### *It Is Well with My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus)*

It is well with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *(Chorus)*

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. *(Chorus)*

## The Benediction

## Postlude

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