

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Travis Skillingstad

Prelude: Amy Reber

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-2: Pastor Mike Palombo

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! ²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 94 (vss. 1-4, 6)

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: Isaiah 1:16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 1:18

“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.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

There Is a Redeemer
Arranged by 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.

New Life Sermon Series: Romans - Gospel Partnership
Part III: Gospel People (Humbled by Kindness)
Romans 11:16-24
Pastor Jeff Birch

¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Hymn 498

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!
Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. *(Chorus)*

Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. *(Chorus)*

The Benediction

Postlude

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