

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

June 12, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 164 (vss. 1-4, 6)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Confession of Sin:

Need of Confession Romans 3:10-18

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." ¹³ "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to

deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Song of Praise

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (*chorus*)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. (*chorus*)

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom. (*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: Barb Rountree, soprano & Amy Reber, alto

He Loved Me
Arranged by Tom Fettke

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 8:31-39 (ESV)
Sermon Title: Ultimate Assurance

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have made it to the summit. Take in the breathtaking, majestic view. Romans 8:31-39 and the end of this incredible, profoundly theological chapter. As we have been saying Romans 8 is all about experiencing God, and the Holy Spirit as the key to experiencing God. The Holy Spirit leads us to an assurance where we can know that our ultimate salvation is secure, “*That he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Phil. 1:6).

Romans 8 takes us on this journey, and here in this passage this morning we will be exploring how we can be ultimately secure. Paul wants the Romans (and us) to know that in an incredibly insecure world our salvation is secure.

What do we learn in this passage about how we can be secure?

- I. Why We Need Security
- II. What Is Security

III. How We Can Be Secure

Reflection

“God proves that he really loves you by the gift of his Son. He’s telling this to melt your heart. He wants you to see that you don’t need to be ruled by fear because he controls everything. God’s great work of redemption is at the center of history, which is moving toward a great destination. That destination is the glory of the Father in Jesus Christ in which we’ll all be enjoying one another and enjoying God throughout eternity. If you’re a part of that plan it can make you so excited that you might even forget to worry for a while.” (C. John Miller)

Hymn 246 (vss. 1-3)

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn 246 (vss. 4-5)

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Lifted up was he to die,
“It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

The Benediction

Postlude