MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day June 5, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-3

The Invocation & The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Hymn of Praise 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thro' us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin:

Need of Confession Psalm 51:1-3

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 51:7

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Song of Praise

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Confession of Faith: The Apostle's 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; he descended into hell; 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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Chancel Choir

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
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 8:28-30 (ESV) Sermon Title: The Spirit of Security

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

We are getting closer and closer to the summit of the Mount Everest of the New Testament, Romans 8. We have been going through this marvelous chapter exploring how the Holy Spirit helps us to not only know but experience God. And this morning, we will be seeing the Spirit as the Spirit of security, bringing us comfort in the knowledge that God is completely sovereign.

How does Paul accomplish this in this particular text, Romans 8:28-30? In this passage we learn that we can have utter confidence and assurance in God. We can know that God is ultimately for us. How do we learn this? The text gives us three answers.

- I. God's Sovereign Promise
- II. God's Sovereign Purpose
- III. God's Sovereign Process

May we grow more and more in our trust in the goodness of God and that He is ultimately for us. May we know His promise, His purpose, and His process.

Reflection

"Biblical hope is substantial faith regarding the future. Hope looks at the shattered remnants of the soul hit by the storm and envisions not merely rebuilding, but rebuilding a life that has even more purpose and meaning than existed before the loss. Hope is the dream of shalom, the anticipation of joy that courses through us and prompts us to rise and rebuild, to envision and risk for what is. Not yet. Hope takes the experience of loss and powerlessness and uses it as the raw material for writing a new and unexpected story. (Dan Allender, The Healing Path).

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Benediction

Postlude

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