

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

*The Lord's Day*

**August 28, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Arranged by John Rutter*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 457**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -  
Prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## Confession of Sin

### Need of Confession: Romans 8:13-14

<sup>14</sup> *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

### Personal Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, early in the morning I cry to You. Help me to pray and to concentrate my thoughts on You: I cannot do this alone. In me there is darkness, but with You there is light; I am lonely, but You do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with You there is help; I am restless, but with You there is peace. In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience; I do not understand Your ways, but You know the way for me. Restore me to liberty, and enable me to live now that I may answer before You and before me, Lord, whatever this day may bring, Your name be praised. Amen.

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

#### Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-24

<sup>22</sup> *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."*

## Song of Praise

### *Christ Will Be My Hideaway*

I will dwell within the shelter  
Of the God who reigns above.

I will rest beneath the shadow  
Of the mighty King of love.

Though a sickness hides in darkness,

Though a plague destroys by day,

I will stand upon his promises,

Christ will be my hideaway.

(Chorus)

In you, my God, I trust.

You are strong and here with us.

In you, my hope remains.

Christ will be my hideaway.

Angels gather to protect me

When they hear my Savior call

Sovereign hands are ever ready

To uphold me should I fall.

Safe beneath his wings of refuge

All my fears are kept at bay.

I am shielded by his faithfulness,

Christ will be my hideaway. (Chorus)

Though a thousand fall around me,

Though death looks me in the eye,  
Evil shall not have the vict'ry  
While the Lord is at my side.  
God in power raised my Savior,  
I no longer fear the grave,  
God in power raised my Savior,  
I no longer fear the grave,  
Through this fragile life and evermore,  
Christ will be my hideaway.

(Ending 2x)

In you, my God, I trust.  
You are strong and here with us.  
In you, my hope remains.  
Christ will be my hideaway.

### **The Lord's Prayer (unison) / 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**

#### ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

*By Stuart Hine, arranged by Mark Hayes*

### **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: Why the Church?***

#### ***Part Two: Jonah: Have You Missed the Heart of God?***

#### ***No Escape, Jonah 1:4-16 (ESV)***

*<sup>4</sup> But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish. <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this*

evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."<sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.<sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.<sup>14</sup> Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you."<sup>15</sup> So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.<sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

This week we are continuing to look at the story of Jonah and the consequences of his being on the run from God. Jonah continues to be fleeing from the word and the presence of the Lord, which he even tells directly to the sailors when they confront him.

But even though Jonah is on the run from God there is no escaping God. You can run from God, but you can't escape God and God's purposes. Nothing can thwart the purposes of God for either your life or His purposes for the world.

We mentioned last week that one of the purposes in looking at Jonah is to ask ourselves the question, "Am I like Jonah?" Are there elements of my life that reflect Jonah's? Am I running from God? Am I avoiding Him in my life? And then, how does God respond? What is God's response to my running from God? Avoiding God?

You need to know that nothing can thwart the purposes of God for yourself or for the world. How do we know this? How do I know I can't thwart or escape God's purposes?

- I. The Promise of Supreme Sovereignty
- II. Despite My Total Depravity
- III. Resulting in Surprising Restoration

### **Reflection**

*"The healing path does not lead directly to healing, but to engagement. First, we are called by God into relationship with him. We are also called into service for him. To serve God is to bring our story to him and allow our life themes to make God's story known to others. A radical life begins with the premise that I exist for God and for his purposes, not my own."* (Dan Allender)

### **Hymn 688**

***Have Thine Own Way, Lord!***  
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

## **The Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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