

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Lynne Fowlkes, flute

As the Deer

By Joel Raney

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-3

The Invocation

***Hymn of Praise 115 (vs. 1-2, 4-5)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part,

O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53:1-7

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

*Song of Praise

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

This the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your bloodstained brow. *(Chorus)*

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows yis head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry. *(Chorus)*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love! (*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.

Offertory: Mr. Dick Forrester, baritone

There Is a Balm In Gilead

(African American Spiritual)

***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 3:25-26 (ESV)

Sermon Title: The Gift

²⁵ *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

²⁶ *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

We all love giving and receiving gifts. It is so much fun. Let's be honest. Isn't that one of the reasons we love Christmas so much?

Paul said to the church at Corinth, "*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!*" (2 Cor. 9:15). The gift of Christ is beyond expression. It is indescribable. Do we view it that way? Does the gift of Christ control how we see and approach God, others, ourselves, and the world?

This morning, in our continuing study of Romans, we explore the inexpressible gift of Christ. We will be looking at vv. 25-26, only two verses but filled with such rich content. Paul is wading into deep theological waters in these brief verses, but he is inviting the church at Rome, and us, to a profound kingdom party.

We will look at this indescribable gift from two perspectives this morning.

- I. The Problem the Gift Addresses**
- II. The Purpose the Gift Accomplishes**

Let's dive in together to this kingdom party of grace.

Reflection

"The doctrine of propitiation is precisely this – that God loved the objects of his wrath so much that he gave his own son to the end that he by his blood should make provision for the removal of his wrath." (John Murray)

***Hymn 307**

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Chorus)

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea —
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Chorus)*

Nothing can for sin atone —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Chorus)*

This is all my hope and peace —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Chorus)*

Now by this I'll overcome —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home —
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Chorus)*

***The Benediction**

Postlude: Mrs. Amy Reber

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