

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

September 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Mike Palombo

Prelude: Amy Reber

Open the Eyes of My Heart

By Mark Hayes

Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 296 (vss. 1,3,5,6)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all;

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And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all;

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at his feet may fall;

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown him Lord of all,

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And crown him Lord of all.

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Psalm 38:3-4

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12-14

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

The Confession of Faith: Christ's Resurrection: Larger Catechism, Q&A 52 (Responsive)

Pastor: How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?

People: Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, and having the same body in which he suffered really united to his soul, he rose again from the dead the third day by his own power; whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of quick and dead: all which he did as a public person, the head of his church, for their justification, quickening in grace, support against enemies, and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Song of Praise

Thy Mercy My God is the Theme of My Song

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.

Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;

Sin would reduce me to utter despair;

But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart

Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;

Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified son;
All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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

People Need the Lord
by Lloyd Larson

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.

Life Together
Acts 2:41-47
Pastor Jeff Birch

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Hymn 467

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Chorus:

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus;
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea:
Higher than the mountain sparkling like a fountain;

All-sufficient grace for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions;
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Greater than all my sin.
How shall my tongue describe it?
Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden,
Setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching a mighty host,
By it I have been pardoned,
Saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder,
Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching the most defiled.
By its transforming power
Making Him God's dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity;
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Benediction

Postlude

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