

AUGUST 1, 2021

ARE WE LIVING AS SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS?

The Prelude

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

arr. S. Cook

The Call to Worship

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

The Song

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing; nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring. The terrors of law and of God, with me can have nothing to do; my Savior's obedience and blood, hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete; His promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet. Things future, nor things that are now, not all things below nor above, can make Him His purpose forego, or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands, eternity will not erase; impressed on His heart it remains in marks of indelible grace. Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is given. More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heaven.

Words by Augustus Toplady, music by Kevin Twit © 1998 Kevin Twit Music CCLI 600485

The Invocation

Rev. Dean Williams

The Psalm

Psalm 125

All, like Mount Zion, unmoved shall endure whose confidence in the Lord is secure. Like hills encircling Jerus'lem around, always the Lord will His people surround.

No wicked ruler for long will remain over the righteous ones' chosen domain, lest righteous men yield to evil too strong, putting their hands to commit what is wrong.

Lord, to the good and the upright in heart, show goodness; but make the crooked depart. All who do evil the Lord will expel; O let Your peace rest upon Is-ra-el.

The Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Liz Taylor, viola

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Music by Albert Peace arr. Timothy Shaw

Children in the 2-3 year old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.

The Song

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, and though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, as I oft left Thee. On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words by Henry Lyte and Justin Smith ©2007 Justin Smith Music

The Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Sermon

Rev. Kalberkamp

Friends and Enemies of the Cross

The Hymn of Preparation No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Stanzas 1 - 3

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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Hymn of Response No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Stanzas 4 - 5

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 a-new this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Words and music by Philip Bliss, 1875

The Benediction

Rev. Williams

The Postlude

The Strife is O'er

arr. L. Smith

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Dr. John Kwasny. We are working through the Heidelberg Catechism on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Heidelberg Catechism #35.

Matthew 7:15-20

Ravenous Wolves, Rotten Fruit

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

TO EVERYONE WHO VISITS WITH US THIS LORD'S DAY, we welcome you sincerely and from the heart. Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S SUPPER THIS MORNING: We rejoice to gather around our Savior's table again this morning to commune with Him and one another! Paul writes, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (I Corinthians 11:27-28). Examine yourself regarding your knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of your faith to feed upon Him, and of your repentance, love, and new obedience (Westminster Shorter Catechism #97).

COMMUNION WAFERS THAT ARE GLUTEN FREE for those with dietary restrictions are available during communion on the foyer display counter. Please reserve these communion elements for those who need them.

SANCTUARY CHOIR RESUMES THIS WEDNESDAY: Our first order of business will be preparing to sing with Wendell Kimbrough at our annual August Concert. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 in the Choir Room, No. 138 in the Education Building. If you like to sing, please come and join us!

PSALMS WE SING TOGETHER: On August 29, our Annual Family Night Picnic and Concert will feature Wendell Kimbrough. Wendell is a songwriter and performer creating fresh interpretations of the Psalms for worship. His music captures the whole range of human experience, from lament, grief, and anger to playful, joyful celebration. With singable melodies, steeped in the sounds of folk, gospel, and soul music, Wendell's songs are sung at hundreds of churches around the world. Wendell lives with his wife and daughter in Fairhope, Alabama, where he serves as worship leader and artist-in-residence at Church of the Apostles. Wendell's CDs and songbooks are available for purchase on our website.

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: This evening, from 5:00-5:45 p.m., come join us in the Sanctuary to pray for our missionaries, church planters, ministry partners, and the progress of the gospel in our hearts and around the world. Pray that "the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with [us]" (II Thessalonians 3:1)!

LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies aged 60 and above are invited to treat yourself to lunch the 3rd Tuesday of every month at various restaurants with your Pear Orchard sisters. Our next time will be August 17. For the August meeting, we will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and ride together to The Gathering at Livingston. If you plan to attend, please let Mary Lou Heaney know by Monday noon on the day before so seating at the restaurant and/or transportation can be planned. Please contact Mary Lou @ 601-506-1432 or williamheaney@att.net.

ATTENTION LADIES: Save the date for the annual Ladies Fall Luncheon on August 22, immediately following the 2nd service in the Multipurpose gym. We will have a delicious lunch and talk about all the ways you can plug in at POPC.

SAVE THE DATE! Moses Basket is hosting the next "Connect 4" August 28th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers! Come help us love and serve foster families. Would you prayerfully consider joining us as we seek to give respite to foster parents and show the Father's love to their children? Questions or to register: mosesbasket@pearorchard.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CCS:

- Prayer for a smooth transition back to school. Covid concerns are still at the forefront of families' minds.
- We are welcoming more than 80 new students. Pray that they will feel at home.
- Pray that the Gospel will go forth abundantly and produce fruit in our young boys' and girls' lives.
- Pray for staff's strength, resilience, and passion to serve.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to protect and preserve CCS!

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK:

Joshua and Gina Rieger, Mission to the World (MTW) – England

The Riegers work with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales. They help in the planting of churches in Northeast England. Their hope is grounded in seeing the Lord move in a country where the history of his work is long and glorious, but where there has not been a vibrant reformed church in recent years. Please pray that Gina would successfully complete her cancer treatments and be made whole. Pray that Josh and Gina's return to Hexham in September would work out exactly as planned. And pray that they will return to an incredibly fruitful season of ministry.

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Jacob Beard – Youth Summer Intern	Cathy Haynie – CCS Head of School
Josh Beck – College Ministry Intern	Adelle Johnson – Children's Ministry Assistant
Ashley Biggs – Assistant Youth Director	John Kwasny – Director of Discipleship Ministries
Christian Brewer – Director of Youth Ministry	Edwin Lewis – Maintenance Director
Daphne Clark – Sonbeams Director	Serena Lucas – Nursery Director
Susie Cook – Organist	Scott Miller – Assistant Youth Director
Jan Duran – Administrative Secretary	Chris Payne – Maintenance Technician
Heatherly Edgar – Financial Administrator	Margaret Sprow – Music Director
Rick Goodwin – Business Administrator	Liz Taylor – Media Communication Manager
Howard Graylin – Sound Team Leader	Madison Taylor – Worship Team Leader
Tammie Haynes – Women's Ministry Director	Georgia Upshaw – Youth Ministry Coordinator

MISSION & MINISTRY COMMITMENTS

FOREIGN MISSIONS

John & Cathy Rug – Chile – MTW	Johnny & Becky Long – Serge
Josh & Gina Rieger – England – MTW	Third Millennium Ministries
Roger & Abi Lowther – Japan – MTW	Virginia – Asia – IXO
Nate & Nikki Bonham – Peru – MTW	Jubin, EHA – Asia
Ellie Honea – Japan – MTW	Michelle Maley – Share the Hope – Ukraine
Lee & Emma – N. Africa – MTW	China Partnership – Asia
Derek & Shannon Ebberts – Romania – MTW	Esaie Etienne – Living Stone Reformed Ministry – Haiti
Foster & Laura Gullett – Italy – MTW	Mark & Bridgette – Middle East
David Moran – CITA – Spanish Theological Curriculum	Gary Johnson – IXO – European Church Planting
Wes & Jami Baker – Peru – Christian Missionary Society	Joni & Friends – India
Bennett & Bonnie Ndelemeti – Zambia – Centre for Christian Missions and Unreached Missions	

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Mid-South Church Planting Network	Clint Wilcke – Mid-South Church Plant
Harris Bond – Monroe, LA, Mid-South Church Plant	John Perritt – RYM
Arklie Hooten – National Disaster Response – MNA	Belhaven University Presbyterian Scholarship
Dayspring Community Church – Fairmont, WVA – David Eades	
Reformed University Fellowship @ University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Ole Miss, Jackson State University, Belhaven University, Mississippi College, and Delta State University	

LOCAL MISSIONS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Lifeline Children's Services	Gateway Rescue Mission
Center for Pregnancy Choices	Christ Covenant School	Lantern Medical Clinic
French Camp Academy	Sonbeams Special Needs Ministry	Joni & Friends (JAF)
American Heritage Girls	POPC Neighborhood Diversity Ministry	Trail Life
Cheryl Reese – Mission First	POPC Moses' Basket	Friends of Alcoholics
Chase Maxey – Biblical Counseling and Training Ministry		One Story Ministries
Jackson Leadership Foundation	Mission First	Operation Christmas Child

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINISTRIES

Covenant College (PCA) – Lookout Mountain, GA	Mission To The World
Ridge Haven Conference Center – Rosman, NC	Mission To North America
Committee on Discipleship Ministries	Administrative Committee
Covenant Seminary (PCA) – St. Louis, MO	Reformed University Ministries
PCA Foundation	PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.

