

AUGUST 29, 2021

HE WILL NEVER LEAVE US OR FORSAKE US

The Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. A. Page

The Call to Worship

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn No. 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right. To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory! Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory! All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness; to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness: Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well. To God all praise and glory!

Words by Johann L. Schütz, 1675, music from Bohemian Brethren's Gesanbuch, 1566

The Invocation

Rev. Cangelosi

The Psalm of Confession

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, and hear my supplication; If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark, *O who shall stand before Thee? ladies echo (repeat)*

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth; Our works, alas, are all in vain; in much the best life faileth; No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might, *and live alone by mercy. echo (repeat)*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit; On him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit: His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support; *I wait for it with patience. echo (repeat)*

What though I wait the live-long night, and til the dawn appeareth, my heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth; do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the spirit born indeed; *and wait til God appeareth. echo (repeat)*

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth. His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth. Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel *free from all their sin and sorrow. echo (repeat)*

Words by Martin Luther from Psalm 130, music by Christopher Miner © 1997 Christopher Miner Music

The Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

The Confession of Faith

Romans 8:28-34

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 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. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

The Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 8

The Offertory

Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more. *Love lifted me, love lifted me when I was lost at sea; His tender arm kept me from harm, and His love lifted me.* When the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me; now safe am I. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.

Words by James Rowe and Don Schlosser, music by Don Schlosser © 1997 Shawnee Press

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

The Hymn No. 128

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace; behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

Words by William Cowper, 1774, music from Scottish Psalter, 1615

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

The Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:10-20

The Sermon

Rev. Cangelosi

The Hardest School of All

The Song

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth; I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall: wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me; He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me. I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking, may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken; though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall: and so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His ways are far above us; His glory is His great delight, He'll accomplish what concerns us. He sees the end from the beginning, He knows His plans for us each day and so we trust Him and obey.

Words by Samuel Rodigast, v.5 Caleb Cangelosi; music by Caleb Cangelosi

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

Fugue on "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

arr. J. Behnke

PSALMS WE SING TOGETHER
POPC's Annual Family Night Picnic and Concert
featuring Wendell Kimbrough

Bring your picnic and join us for dinner at 5:00 p.m. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Wendell is a songwriter and performer who lives in Fairhope, Alabama with his wife and two daughters. He serves as worship leader and artist-in-residence at Church of the Apostles. 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. The concert will also be livestreamed. Wendell's CDs and songbooks are available for purchase on our website.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Rinku Bhanat in loving memory of her mother, Deenaben Chhotubhai Parmar.

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.

COVID UPDATE: At our Session meeting the elders unanimously approved the following changes, effective immediately and continuing through September:

- There will be a livestreamed, mask-required 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service in the cafeteria.
- Masks are required in all POPC children's ministries activities, including children's Sunday School.
- Masks are recommended in all other churchwide events, including the Sanctuary worship services, youth and adult Sunday School classes, and other ministry events.
- We will not serve the Lord's Supper or pass offering plates.

Let us continue to pray for the Lord to remove this pandemic, and to enable us to love one another amid our different perspectives and circumstances.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST: Our Men's Ministry will be offering a study of the Book of Titus, led by John Perritt. Each attendee will receive a FREE copy of the *ESV Scripture Journal (Titus)*. There will also be a time of fellowship and prayer. Our Women's Ministry will be offering a study through the Book of Lamentations, led by Jessica Morgan. There will be handouts each week that will act as prayer guides as well as opportunities to discuss what is learned with your family. **This fall, we will also be offering two "large group" combined forums for all adults~topics TBA.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 1ST: Boxed dinners for families will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a pre-order, pre-paid basis each week. A registration form will need to be filled out online no later than the Monday before each Wednesday night you plan to eat. You will also need to register if you plan to use the Nursery. Register at www.pearorchard.org/wednesday-nights. Children's Catechism, Youth Group, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Sonbeams, and Sanctuary Choir will meet. Masks are required for children 12 and under, and recommended for everyone else.

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: Next Sunday, September 5th, 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)!

IT'S PROMOTION TIME! Children's Sunday School class promotion will be Sunday, September 5. Please remember that masks are required for children's ministry classes/events. We are excited about a new year in POPC Children's Ministry!

ATTENTION LYDIA CIRCLE: We will not meet on Tuesday, September 7. The Lunch Bunch will plan to eat at *The Gathering* on Tuesday, September 14. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and ride together. If not, plan on being at *The Gathering* at 11:30 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 5: If you are interested in joining POPC, or learning more about our congregation, come to our New Members Class. This nine-week class is required for membership and begins on Sunday, September 5. It will be held during Sunday School (10:00-10:45 a.m.) in Room 127. If you are not able to attend the first Sunday, start attending the second Sunday! If you have any questions, please contact Jan Duran in the church office at jan@pearorchard.org or 601-956-3283 ext. 200.

ATTENTION MEN: On Thursday, September 9, we will gather at Buffalo Wild Wings (Lake Harbour) to watch the Cowboys take on the Buccaneers. All the Ole Miss fans will secretly be pulling for the Bucs, as Dak Prescott hopes to lead his Cowboys back to a Super Bowl. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, but kickoff is at 7:20 p.m. Come for the entire game, part of the game, or ignore the game all together and enjoy the fellowship. All men, 7th grade and up, are welcome.

BABY SHOWER FOR EMMALYNE BECK! All ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, September 11, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria to celebrate the arrival of their baby due on September 29! Josh and Emmalyne are registered at Amazon and Target. Baby will be a surprise!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

David Moran, Clase Internacional Telogia Aplicada (CITA)

David Moran is the director of CITA. CITA produces Christian Spanish curriculums which are delivered in video format to approximately 480 million Spanish speakers worldwide. CITA strives to make disciples in the indigenous areas where they serve, doing so while also training some in those areas to be pastors. David is asking that we pray for the recording of a Spanish Homiletics (preaching) course being taught by Dr. Larry Trotter at Knox Seminary during the months of September and October. He would also like for us to pray for him as he records his course on Ecclesiology (study of the Church), translates his elder training course into Spanish, and for Dr. Alberto Paredes as he continues to record Greek 101 in Spanish from Christ Covenant Church in Charlotte NC.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 5

Job - Taught by John Kwasny
Cafeteria

Minor Prophets - Taught by Josh Beck and Interns
Room 238

Ezra & Nehemiah - Taught by Newell Simrall
Room 312

Numbers - Taught by Dean Williams
Room 314

New Members Class - Taught by Caleb Cangelosi
Room 127

