

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND SAVES THE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT

The Prelude

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Young

The Call to Worship

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn of Praise No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

Words based on Psalm 103 by Joachim Neander, 1680, music from *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665

The Invocation

Rev. Christian Brewer

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism #1-2

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Pastor and People: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: How many things must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Pastor and People: Three: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sin and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

The Psalm

Psalm 1

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise, nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise. Instead, he is the one who makes the Lord's law his delight, and in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream, which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green. In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so, but they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes, nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones. Because the Lord the righteous loves; the path they walk He knows. The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

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The Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:1-12

The Offertory

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Aiden Creel, vocalist

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise, on Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies. To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone can hear. Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine; the springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline. Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust; and still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain? No, still the ear of sovereign grace attends the mourner's prayer. Oh, may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still; here let my soul retreat; with humble hope attend Thy will and wait beneath Thy feet.

Words by Anne Steele, music by Matt Merker © 2014 Matthew Merker Music

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

The Hymn of Consolation No. 689

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words by Katharina von Schlegel, 1752, tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1855, music by Jean Sibelius, 1899

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Sermon

Rev. Cangelosi

All Things New

The Song of Preparation

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you – eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you – drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Song of Response

Behold the Lamb

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond – and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

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The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Karg-Elert

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Dean Williams. We are reading the book of Exodus and working through the Heidelberg Catechism together as a congregation on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Exodus 32 and Heidelberg Catechism #78-79.

Psalm 118

The Lord is All Things Good

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.

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)!

FIRST SONBEAMS NIGHT OUT OF 2022: SNO is this Friday, and will be a LUAU with grass skirts, leis, Kono Ice snow cones, the limbo, games, singing, and a devotional. All volunteers come at 5:55 to the gym to help us give our special needs friends a night of fellowship and fun as well as to give their parents and caregivers a night of respite. What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ to those the world often leaves behind. Contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 601 594-3743 to volunteer or for questions.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS: We will resume next Sunday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2022: At the Session meeting last month, the elders approved Dr. Mike Atkinson to stand for election by the congregation for the office of Elder. The congregational meeting to elect officers and to present the 2022 church budget will be held during the Sunday School hour on January 9, 2022. The ordination/installation service of those elected will be on Sunday evening, January 23. More information will arrive in your mail soon.

TEAM ACCESS MEETING: Team Access will meet on Sunday, January 9, in the Sonbeams room from 4:55-5:50 for pizza and a training session. Contact Daphne Clark at dclark@ccs.ms or 601 594-3743 for questions.

COMBINED ADULT AND YOUTH MISSION TRIP: The World Missions Committee has planned a combined adult and youth mission trip to Yakima, Washington, June 3-11, 2022. Mission trips are an amazing way to put your faith into practice while serving others and demonstrating the love of Christ. If you're interested in going on this trip, or have questions you'd like to ask, please contact Pastor Dean.

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN THIS WEEK: Women, college age and up, are invited to join our women's Bible studies any time throughout the semester. **Tuesday, January 4**, Lydia Circle will meet in the parlor at 10 am to continue their study in Genesis. **Wednesday, January 5**, women will meet in the parlor at 9:30 am to continue their study in Luke. **Thursday, January 6**, women will meet in the parlor at 9:30 am to begin a study of James. For more information on any of these studies, contact Tammie Haynes at thaynes@pearorchard.org. Visit the Women's Ministry page on our website, www.pearorchard.org for information regarding Bible study books.

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 10:

Women will study the Gospel of Mark, using the book, Jesus the King, by Tim Keller, taught by Jackie Shelt in her home. For more information, contact Jackie at jackieleeshelt@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The Sanctuary Flowers are paid for by members who wish to contribute the flower arrangement one Sunday or more during the year. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones and the cost is \$75. Contact Tricia in the church office (601-956-3282) or email tbaugus@pearorchard.org to pay by check made payable to POPC with "flowers" on the memo line or you can sign-up and pay online by visiting pearorchard.org/church-forms

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK:

Roger and Abi Lowther, Mission to the World (MTW)- Japan

Roger and Abi both serve on the staff of Grace City Church Tokyo, Roger as the Director of Faith and Art, Abi as the Director of Worship Music. Roger is also the founder and Director of Community Arts Tokyo, an organization connecting people to each other, the church, and God through the arts. They have four sons; Aidan, Eastin, Coen, and Kaizen. Pray for the continued recovery of their son Aidan who was in a very serious biking accident and requires ongoing medical attention. Pray for the necessary ministry adjustments the Lowthers will have to make to address Aidan's needs. Pray that God will continue to bless their ministry, bringing all things together, both for their good, and for his purposes.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

Book of Acts - Bruce Baugus
Cafeteria

Gospel of Mark (part 2) - Carl Kalberkamp
Room 312

Parables of Jesus - John Kwasny
Room 314

Letter to the Hebrews - Newell Simrall
Room 238