

MARCH 19, 2023

BY FAITH, THE STONE OF STUMBLING
HAS BECOME OUR SANCTUARY

The Prelude

Prelude on "Thaxted"

arr. C. Callahan

The Call to Worship

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

The Hymn of Praise

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary; He declares his work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me. Though the sun had ceased its shining – though the war appeared as lost, Christ had triumphed over evil; it was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me; full, the pardon he has offered, great, the welcome that I receive. Boldly I approach the Father – clothed in Jesus' righteousness; there is no more guilt to carry; it was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent; fear once had a hold on me; but the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed! Free from every plan of darkness – free to live and free to love; death is dead and Christ is risen! It was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory – to my Savior and my God. I rejoice in Jesus' victory; it was finished upon that cross. It was finished upon that cross.

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Nigel Hendroff © 2021 CityAlight Music CCLI 600485

The Invocation

Rev. Kalberkamp

The Hymn No. 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *Refrain*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

Julia H. Johnston, 1910, Daniel B. Towner, 1910

The Scripture Reading (8:30)

Isaiah 8:11-22

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

The Offertory

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave, who bid'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walkedst on the foaming deep and calm amid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Sacred Spirit, who didst brook upon the chaos dark and rude, who bade its angry tumult cease, and gavest light and life and peace: O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O trinity of love and pow'r, our brethren shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; and ever let these rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea. Amen.

William Whiting, John B. Dykes, arr. B. Larson

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

The Psalm

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 Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dean Williams

The Scripture Reading

Romans 9:30-10:4

The Sermon

Rev. Williams

A Hard Truth in a Soft Place

The Hymn of Response No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress; 'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me- for me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice; their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Nikolaus von Zinzendorf, 1739, music from William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

The Benediction

Rev. Williams

The Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising

arr. D. Lasky

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Josh Beck. We are reading through the book of Acts and working through the Westminster Larger Catechism on Sunday evenings. Tonight we are on Acts 8:1-25 and WLC #43-44.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Joshua 5:13-6:27

WELCOME VISITORS!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Word of God and the people of God will be an encouragement to you today.

- Scan the QR code to fill out our online information form.
- Visit our website to learn more about us: pearorchard.org.
- Make use of our Nursery for your children under 2. Our cry room, located in the Parlor south of the Sanctuary, is also available.
- Attend one of our Sunday School classes, 10:00-10:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. See the monitors for locations.
- Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. tonight.
- Check out our Wednesday Night Ministries. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with ministry opportunities for all ages at 6:30 p.m.
- We have a thriving disability ministry (Sonbeams) that is here to serve all individuals and families touched by disability.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Missions Commitment Update:** 50 Commitments of \$95,480, which is short of our goal of \$97,900. Please keep praying about how God would use you to financially and prayerfully support our partners. We are also sending out short-term missions teams this summer, so please be praying about how you will assist them as well.
- **Leaves for Healing:** If you would like to contribute a \$30 restaurant gift card to the ministry to support couples going through a pregnancy loss, please give it to a Leaves for Healing team member or leave it at the church office for them to pick up. Team members are John & Kathryn Wiggins, Madison & Liz Taylor, and Seth & Claire Winchester.
- **Wednesday Night Culture Talk:** Christian Nationalism. Adults, join Pastor Dean Williams on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for this special night. What is Christian Nationalism (CN), anyway? This presentation will answer this question and others, sharing the views and opinions held by prominent CN advocates and critics.
- **POPC Spring Fellowship:** March 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy snacks, entertainment, and an egg hunt for 6th grade and under! If you would like to donate Easter eggs, please leave 2-3 dozen filled plastic eggs in the Children's Ministry office by March 19. If you would like to assist in setting up please contact Jan Johnson at jjohnson@pearorchard.org. Thank you!
- **Sunday Night Fellowship:** March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose building. We will be having a potluck supper. Be looking for links to sign up!
- **Bridal Shower for Sarah Teague fiancée of Aiden Creel:** Ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m.-noon for a shower in the cafeteria. Sarah and Aiden are registered at Amazon, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, Anthropologie, and The Everyday Gourmet. Please join us!
- **Women's Spring Retreat:** April 14-15, 2023, at Eagle Ridge Conference Center. Registration is now open for women ages 18 and up. Register online at www.pearorchard.org or fill out the registration form in the retreat brochure. Contact Tammie Haynes at thaynes@pearorchard.org for more information.

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- Every Friday you can read our weekly email update, delivered straight to your inbox.
 - Email Liz at ltaylor@pearorchard.org if you do not receive it.

- Ask for prayer: pray@pearorchard.org
- Learn more about Christ Covenant School, POPC's Pre-School through High School, at ccs.ms.

MISSIONARY PARTNER OF THE WEEK

**Paul and Elizabeth Sanduleac
IXO, Moldova**

Paul and Elizabeth are missionaries to Moldova working toward planting a Presbyterian church in Chisinau. They work under the auspices of the International Presbyterian Church. Paul would like us to pray for the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of those with whom they share the good news of the gospel. Also, pray for continued peace and protection in Moldova as it faces several regional threats.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 3.25 Spring Fellowship – 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Athletic Field
- 3.26 Sunday Night Fellowship – 5:30 p.m. – Gym
- 3.30 JAF/Sonbeams Vision Casting Event – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Rm. 215
- 4.1 Bridal Shower for Sarah Teague – 10 a.m.-Noon – Cafeteria
- 4.14 Women's Retreat – Eagle Ridge Conference Center
- 4.21 Family Board Game Night – 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Gym
- 4.29 ConnectFour – 8:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. – Gym

Ministers: The People of God
Rev. Caleb Cangelosi – Senior Pastor
Rev. Carl Kalberkamp, Jr. – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dean Williams – Associate Pastor

Earl Adams – Congregational Care Assistant
Megan Adcock – Children's Ministry Coordinator
Ashley Benton – Youth Ministry Coordinator
Daphne Clark – Sonbeams Director
Susie Cook – Organist
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Jan Johnson – Nursery Coordinator
John Kwasny – Executive Ministry Director
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Chris Payne – Maintenance Technician
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Seija Smith – Youth Ministry Intern
Margaret Sprow – Music Director
Liz Taylor – Media Communication Manager
Madison Taylor – Worship Team Leader
Sam Thoman – Interim Youth Director
Anna Vinson – Administrative Assistant



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for the glory of Christ.*