

Call to Worship:

Psalm 30:1-5

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Singing: Jesus I am Resting, Resting

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting, in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole

Chorus: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart

2. O, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea
O, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know the certainty of promise and have made it mine

3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need
Compasseth me round with blessings, Thine is love indeed

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: The Christian in Society

Romans 13:1-14

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain.

For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayers of Repentance

Offertory and Singing: *Be Unto Your Name*

We are a moment You are forever, Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal, Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus: Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

We are the broken You are the healer, Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You blessing Your name

Prayer of Petition

Sermon: The Church and the State

Ephesians 6:5-9

Ephesians 6:5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, **6** not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7** rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, **8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. **9** Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

I. The Problem of Slavery

II. A Dramatic Example

III. Kingdom Leaven: The Christian Plan for Institutional Change

Singing: This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rust -ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'ry -where.
3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, The battle is not done;
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

Benediction

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