
prelude

BROOKE LEWIS

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Blessed Assurance – Pheobe P. Knapp, arranged by Margaret Goldston

Onward Christian Soldiers – Arthur S. Sullivan, arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz

preparing our hearts

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

– 2 Corinthians 4:16-18^{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.**

Leader: So we will bless you as long as we live; in your name we will lift up our hands.

All: **Our souls will be satisfied, and our mouths will praise you with joyful lips.**

– Psalm 63:2-5^{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: O Lord God, immovable and unchanging, constant and steadfast in love: We look to you that we would be set upon the Rock and Redeemer of our lives. According to your abundant grace, secure us to the sure and steady anchor of our souls, Christ Jesus, your Son, so that our hope reaches to heaven. According to your life-giving Spirit, let us be renewed and strengthened, made to shine brighter and burn hotter in the world you came to save. For the sake of Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

****affirmation of faith**

Leader: Why should we listen to the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

– Hebrews 1:1-4_{ESV}

HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. *

** Chorus:*

His love can never fail, his love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. *

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away.

– From Colossians 3:5-8 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in Heaven, it is before your face that we live –
Every thought and desire, every belief and action –
You see us and know us as we truly are.
Forgive us, therefore, Lord, for we have not glorified you as we ought.
We have not kept ourselves pure; we have not lived as citizens in your kingdom.
Instead, we do what is right in our own faulty eyes.
Forgive us, Gracious God, for we know our sight has faltered.
Turn our eyes to Jesus and away from the glittering vices of life.
Turn our eyes to Jesus and away from the false righteousness of self.
Turn our eyes to Jesus, whom you have lifted up in our wilderness,
That we might believe upon him and have eternal life.
In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

– Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. *

** Chorus:*

O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. *

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! *

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Leader: 1 Timothy 6:11-19
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church. As the presider prays, whenever you hear him say “Lord, have mercy,” please reply by saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

**** passing the peace**

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.

Series | “Looking to Jesus: The Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith”

Sermon | “Our Race to Run”

November 10, 2019

Hebrews 12:1-3 ^{ESV} | 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

1. What Is Our Race?
2. How We Run
3. Why We Keep Running

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– 1 Peter 1:13-16_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will reflect during the passing of the bread and sing the printed hymn during the passing of the cup.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the bread is distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As the cup is distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

UPON A LIFE I DID NOT LIVE

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone. *

** Chorus:*

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received. *

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ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. *

* Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. *

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest? *

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announcements

Please note the announcements found on Pages 16-20 of your bulletin.

**** benediction**

****doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**