



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

Sunday August 2, 2020

“Christ either deceived mankind by conscious fraud, or He was Himself deluded and self-deceived, or He was Divine. There is no getting out of this trilemma. It is inexorable.”

— ‘Rabbi’ John Duncan (1796-1870), *Colloquia Peripatetica*

Order of Worship

Announcements & Call to Worship

Prelude

Hymn: **Immortal, Invisible (36)**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest. to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 53**

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?
9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn:The Power of the Cross (272)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. [Chorus]

Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.[Chorus]

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his
purpose, which he set forth in Christ
10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.
11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been
predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will,
12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the
praise of his glory.
13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel
of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the
promised Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire
possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Sermon: ‘Greater Than Physical Healing’
Matthew 9:1-8**

Hymn:Before the Throne of God Above (187)

1 Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Benediction

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Weather pending, our Lord's supper service will be held tonight August 2 at 6:30. It will be held outdoors so the entire church may gather, Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for your family.

Our summer prayer meetings have ended for the beginning of school. Be on the lookout for the announcement when our Wednesday night small group meetings resume. There will be both a physical and virtual option.

Outline 2020.08.02

'Greater Than Physical Healing' Matthew 9:1-8

- I. Continuation of Matthew's Theme of Kingdom Expansion (8:1-34)

- II. Healing the Paralytic (see Mark 2: 1-12, Luke 5:17-26)
 - a. The Circumstances Three Supernatural Events Happening here
 - i. The Place: Capernaum (Luke 10:13-15)

 - ii. Crowded House (Most likely Peter's Home)- Mark 2:1; Luke 5:17

 - iii. The paralytic and His friends

 - iv. Recognition of Faith

 - v. Forgiving sins- 1st event

vi. 'Some of the Scribes' and their accusation (Mark 5:6)

b. The Consequences

i. If Jesus is blaspheming ... (Exodus 20:3, Leviticus 24:16)

ii. If Jesus is telling the truth ... (Isaiah 43:25, 44:22, 53:10-11; Romans 3:23, 6:23)

c. The Reaction

i. Jesus knew their thoughts- 2nd event (Psalm 139:1-4)

ii. The healing of the paralytic- 3rd event (Daniel 7:13-14)

iii. Amazement seized them all ...

1. Fear

2. Filled with Awe (Luke 5:26)

3. Glory to God (Matthew 9:8, 'such authority to men')