

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 3, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.”

~ Psalm 123:1-2

- ▶ PRELUDE..... *Holy, Holy, Holy*, arr. Dan Forrest
- ▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 123:1-2



▶ *THE HYMN OF PRAISE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (HYMNAL #1)

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 100
 William Kethe, 1561

OLD HUNDREDDTH L.M.
 Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



▶ *THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ *THE CONFESSION OF SIN (Based on Romans 1 & 5)

Our great and everlasting God, whose eternal power and divine nature have been seen through the things You have made; we acknowledge that we are without excuse. For although we have known You, we have not honored you as God nor given you thanks, but we have become futile in our thinking; and our senseless minds have been darkened. Claiming to be wise, we have become fools. We have been filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, and malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and craftiness, we are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Yet we do also heartily acknowledge, that when we were weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. We most joyfully confess that You have proven your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Forgive our sins, we pray, through Him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.

▶ THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Romans 5:1

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

▶ *THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

▶ THE PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ THE LORD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



► *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....*Like a River Glorious* (HYMNAL #699)

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er
 wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry, touch the
 ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him

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all the way.
 spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,
 whol - ly true.



find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

WYE VALLEY 6.5.6.5.D.ref.
James Mountain, 1876

▶ THE SCRIPTURE READING..... Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

▶ THE SERMON

Simple Life: Finding Meaning in the Enjoyment of Life, Rev. Joel Smit



► *THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION.....

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness, Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

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VERSE

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my
 2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -
 3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -

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pain; Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a -
 -side; Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to
 -bove Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is

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-gain; Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with His
 fly. Whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I
 love. For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the

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light and wrote His law of
 take. Sus - tain - ing me with
 King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *POSTLUDE *Trumpet Piece*, William Boyce





NEWS & EVENTS

TENTATIVE CHURCH RE-OPENING:

Church leaders have tentatively scheduled the 11 a.m. worship service on May 17 to be our first to be opened to the public for worship since the “shelter-in-place” measures went into effect. More information about how that will be done in accordance with proper protocol will be forthcoming. Meantime, all other in-person activities will remain canceled/postponed until further notice.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION &

PRAYER: During this time of separation, we are now using Zoom conferencing to host Devotion & Prayer on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. All meeting details and reminders for these gatherings will be sent by email. If you would like to be added to the list, please email info@smyrnapres.org. We’d love to have you there!

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: We’re moving into week 7 of our 13-week devotional series called “Strength to Strength”. This series is focused on the Parables of Jesus and designed to be an avenue in which you are encouraged spiritually to drink deeply of God’s truth and to be able to give generously to those around you because of your time with God. If you would like more information about the series or how to follow along, go to smyrnapres.org.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Our new Administrative Assistant, Alycia Schulz, can be reached by email at alycia.schulz@smyrnapres.org or by phone during normal business hours. Any news or announcements for the bulletin should be sent to her by 12 noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday they should appear.

GROCERY HELP: If you are a member of our church community who is more at risk of sickness, we would like to help you by connecting you with someone who will shop and deliver your groceries to you. All you have to do is have cash or check ready to reimburse your volunteer upon delivery. If you are interested in receiving this service or volunteering to help, please call Caroline Wesley at 205-601-8818 or send her an email at caroline.n.wesley@gmail.com.

NORTON PARK & DEACONS’ FUND:

During this time of uncertainty, any gifts towards “Norton Park” or the “Deacons’ Fund” are greatly appreciated. The Norton Park Food Pantry helps the families at Norton Park Elementary School that are in need. Meanwhile, the Deacons’ Fund helps with the financial needs of those in our church and community. You can donate online at smyrnapres.org/giving or send your gift to the church office. Please designate your offering electronically or on your check.

