

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 23, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ”

~ Psalm 95:6-7

▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ PRELUDE

Ballo del gran duca

Sweelinck

▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 95:6-7



▶ *THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Hymn#334)
Stanza 2 Men Only & Stanza 3 Women Only

1. Breth - ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God;
 2. Breth - ren, see poor sin - ners round you slum - b'ring on the brink of woe;
 3. Sis - ters, will you join and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him;
 4. Let us love our God su - preme-ly, let us love each oth - er too;

will you pray with all your pow - er, while we try to preach the Word?
 death is com - ing, hell is mov - ing— can you bear to let them go?
 will you help the trem - bling mourn - ers who are strug - gling hard with sin?
 let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down;
 See our fa - thers and our moth - ers and our chil - dren sink - ing down;
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior— tell them that he will be found;
 Then he'll call us home to heav - en, at his ta - ble we'll sit down;

breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
 Christ will gird him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.



▶ *THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ *THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE - *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.....Rev. Danny Myers

▶ THE LORD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



▶ *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....*Before The Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea: A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ev - er
 in, Up - ward I look and see Him there, Who made an
 ness, The great un - change - a ble I AM, The King of

lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is
 end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful
 Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; My soul is

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can
 soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied To look on
 pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my

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bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God!

▶ *THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 2:25-30

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,

26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,

30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

▶ THE SERMON.....Joy in Christ: Epaphroditus, A Simple Servant



► * THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION.....*Soldiers of Christ Arise (Hymn#575)*

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on,
 2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength en - dued;
 3. To keep your ar - mor bright, at - tend with con - stant care;

strong in the strength which God sup - plies through his e - ter - nal Son.
 but take, to arm you for the fight, the pan - o - ply of God.
 still walk - ing in your Cap - tain's sight, and watch - ing un - to prayer.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his might - y pow'r,
 Leave no un - guard - ed place, no weak - ness of the soul;
 From strength to strength go on; wres - tle and fight and pray;

who in the strength of Je - sus trusts is more than con - quer - or.
 take ev - 'ry vir - tue, ev - 'ry grace, and for - ti - fy the w^hole.
 tread all the pow'rs of dark - ness down, and win the well - fought day.

Charles Wesley, 1749

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868



▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*Now Thank We All Our God (Hymn#98)*

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him
who reigns with them in highest heaven--the one eternal God, whom earth
and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

▶*POSTLUDE

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

Johann A. Freylinghausen

SERMON NOTES

****PLEASE WAIT AS USHERS ASSIST EACH ROW EXITING****





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NEWS & EVENTS

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: Every effort has been made to provide you, our church family, with a safe house of worship. *Please wait as ushers assist each row exiting the service.* We will continue to make Sunday services available through live video for those that choose to worship remotely.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTION & PRAYER: During this time of separation we are using Zoom conferencing to host Devotion & Prayer on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. All meeting details and reminders for this gathering and any in the future, 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 are continuing the weekly "Strength to Strength" series this summer with a new topic called Blueprints for Christian Growth. This time we will be focusing on sanctification and how we can grow holiness. Using the book *Devoted to God: Blueprints for Sanctification* by Sinclair B. Ferguson as a study, we will see how we can reorient our perspective, focusing on God and

our devotion to Him. As Christians, the Lord is our strength. And in Him, we do not go from weakness to weakness or from weakness to strength. Instead, we "go from strength to strength; as each one appears before God in Zion" (Ps.84:7).

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will be starting back up on September 8th! We will be studying foundational Gospel truths through the book of Galatians. There will be an in-person discussion group (with social distancing and other practices in place) on Tuesday mornings (10-11:30am) at the church. There will also be a virtual discussion group option (via Zoom) on Tuesday evenings (7-8pm). Limited childcare will be provided on Tuesday mornings. Visit the church website to sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Britta Lee (JordanandBritta@gmail.com).

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

The men's group will meet Monday, August 24th, 7:30pm. Location to be determined.

