

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

~ Matthew 16:14-17

▶ PRELUDE

Just as I Am

Arr. by Victor C. Johnson

▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Matthew 16:14-17



► *THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....*For the Beauty of the Earth (Hymn#116)*

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
 • for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861



▶ *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. Joel Smit

▶ THE ANTHEM *Death, Where is Your Sting?* *Lloyd Larson*

Death, where is your sting? Oh grave, where is your victory? Give thanks to God. Sing thanks to God. He has overcome the world. The first man Adam was a living soul by pow'r of Death held fast. But we in the likeness of Christ the King know the pow'r of Death is past. Listen, I'll tell you a mystery: We will all be changed. In a flash of light, at the trumpet's sound, we'll stand on holy ground. Oh give thanks to God. Give thanks to God. He has overcome the world.

▶ THE LORD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



► *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*
 Children K4-1st Grade May Be Dismissed After The Last Stanza For Children's Church

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
 2. Dear Name, the Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hid - ing Place,
 3. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart and cold my warm - est thought,

It soothes my sor - rows, heals my wounds, and drives a - way my fear.
 My nev - er - fail - ing treas - ry, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 But when I see You as You art, I'll praise You as I ought.

It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and calms the trou - bled breast;
 My Je - sus, Sav - ior, Shep - herd, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 Till then I would Your love pro - claim with ev - 'ry fleet - ing breath,

It sat - is - fies the hun - gry soul and gives the wear - y rest.
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.
 And may the mu - sic of Your name re - fresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton

Music: Lloyd Larson; arr. Ruth Coleman

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► *THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 3:12-16

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

► THE SERMON.....Joy in Christ: The Marathon of Faith Onward & Upward, Rev. Joel Smit

SERMON NOTES



▶ * THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION.....*My Jesus, I Love Thee (Hymn#648)*

F B^b F C⁷ F

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

B^b F C⁷ F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

F B^b F C⁷ F C F Gm F C

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow;
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

F B^b F C⁷ Am C⁷ F 7

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....*All Authority and Power (Hymn#453v.4)*

All the time he will be with us, always, to the end of days, with his own believing people, who keep steadfast in his ways; God the Father, Son and Spirit, bless us, and to him the praise!

▶ *POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Arr. by Victor C. Johnson

****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.

****NEW TIME** WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

DEVOTION & PRAYER: During this time of separation we are using Zoom conferencing to host Devotion & Prayer on **Wednesday nights at the new time 6:45 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.

WOMEN OF THE WORD: Women of the Word started back up on Tuesday, 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).

FELLOWSHIP KICK OFF FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Children's Church begins today, Sunday, September 13th.*

Fall Kick Off for youth and children's ministry began on Wednesday, September 9th with much enthusiasm. *The next date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th.* Details to follow.

SPC MEN'S GATHERING

The next SPC Men's Gathering is scheduled for Monday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m. Location and details to follow.

CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. Nursery will be provided.

