

The Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 89:1

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** "10,000 Reasons"

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***The Hymn of Praise** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *Trinity Hymnal #616*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 14:6-15

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few." "Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." Jonathan said, "Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us. If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the LORD has given them into our hands." So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. "Look!" said the Philistines. "The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in." The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come up to us and we'll teach you a lesson." So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Climb up after me; the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel." Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre. Then panic struck the whole army—those in the camp and field, and those in the outposts and raiding parties—and the ground shook. It was a panic sent by God. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 43:25

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. NIV

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology**

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Consecration

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake

Covered by a Redeemer, at the Lord's Hand

Text: Ruth 3 (pew Bible p.414)

3 One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be well provided for? ² Is not Boaz, with whose servant girls you have been, a kinsman of ours? Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. ³ Wash and perfume yourself, and put on your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." ⁵ "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. ⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. ⁷ When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸ In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and discovered a woman lying at his feet. ⁹ "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer." ¹⁰ "The LORD bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of noble character. ¹² Although it is true that I am near of kin, there is a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I. ¹³ Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to redeem, good; let him redeem. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning." ¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "Don't let it be known that a woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵ He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and put it on her. Then he went back to

town. ¹⁶When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?” Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her ¹⁷and added, “He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’” ¹⁸Then Naomi said, “Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today.” NIV

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response** “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” *Trinity Hymnal #650*

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

**We stand, as we are able, to praise the Lord.*

We continue our plan to “spread out” with some gathering at home via YouTube live, some gathering in person in the Sanctuary and some gathering MASK ONLY in the Family Life Center. In the Sanctuary, we will sit/skip EVERY OTHER ROW in the main floor area downstairs. The downstairs back corner seating areas and the balcony are fully open. We are offering infant and toddler nursery during both Sunday School and Worship Service. We support whatever decision you make as each member takes responsibility for determining your confidence level as to continue gathering together online from your home or coming in person this week and in future weeks.

Updated Summary for continued consideration:

- * If you or a family member have been sick or are not feeling well, please worship from home online via our YouTube page.
- * Please prayerfully consider health guidelines established by governing authorities (anyone with existing health concerns and/or susceptible age range) and take personal responsibility for deciding when you are confident to gather in person. We want to encourage patience and we support whatever decision you make!
- * We will not pass offering plates; they will be located at door entrances/exits.
- * Worship guides available at door entrances (the words for scripture readings and hymns printed in worship guide).
- * Until further notice: No Choir and No Children’s sermon.
- * Please feel free to wear masks or PPE if that is your preference.
- * Sanctuary seating in the downstairs back corner areas and the balcony are fully open.
- * Family households plan to sit together.
- * Worship in the Family Life Center is mask only; chairs are spread out for social distancing.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Beth Stowe	Cathy Robinson	Jessica McMullen
Nxt wk	Meredith Clinton	Nathalee Cuffman	Kim Britt
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Happy Birthday this week to Conner Britt on 3/15, Katie Deegan and Dolores Taylor on 3/16, Beth Harrell, Adam Holben, Bailee Krashner and John Mizell on 3/18, Ann Marsh on 3/19 and Ernest Flanagan on 3/20.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.
Children’s Catechism, 5:00 pm, FLC. Parents are welcome to stay and worship with their children and then gather for fellowship and prayer with Chris Wallace at the picnic shelter.

Next Week:

WIC Presbytery Spring Gathering, March 27, FLC, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Our speaker is Ruthanna Marshall and muffins, juice and coffee will be served beginning at 8:40 am. Face coverings are required. No registration charge but please contact Trinna Meek by March 19 if you plan to attend (trinnameek@comporium.net or 704-214-8749).

Upcoming:

Family Easter Celebration: March 28, 5:00-6:30 pm. Come celebrate the Easter season with outdoor games, egg hunt for children 12yrs and younger, Easter lesson, and some great fellowship. Pizza and drinks will be served. Please consider donating to this event at: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44ACAA2EA5F49-easter

Community Easter Sunrise Service: April 4. We are joining with local churches to invite the community to gather at the grassy point beside the boat launch next to Papa Doc’s (formerly T-Bones) at 7:00am. Please bring a lawn chair.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in Memory of or In Honor of someone, please fill out the

attached form, make your check payable to Bethel Church and give both items to Cary or Helen Grant. The price of each lily is \$16.00. The LAST day to place an order will be Sunday, March 28th. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday, Apr. 4th. THANK YOU.

Vacation Bible School: *Registration is NOW OPEN* July 12-16. Please register on our website at: [Bethel Church, Presbyterian Church in America: VBS \(bethelchurchpca.com\)](http://BethelChurchPresbyterianChurchinAmerica.org) (The registration link is on the home page of our website.) If you have any questions, please contact Sheridan Miller at 803-230-2294 (sheridanmiller@bellsouth.net) or Ilse Wallace at 704-747-4703 (radiant4JC@protonmail.com).

Bethel Youth Group News:

Today: Youth Group is meeting tonight from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Basement! Bring a friend and plan to come for some fun fellowship and time in God’s word/prayer together.

Please note that RYM Colorado \$200 airfare cost is due March 31st.

We have started a **New Sunday School series** using the film “American Gospel,” come and join us!

Building Plans Update:

We ARE currently working on building plan options AND we ARE making some progress. We will communicate updates with more information for congregational consideration and approval as soon as we can. Given current circumstances, we do not yet know when an appropriate time to begin this project might be... THANK YOU for your continued patience and prayers!

Prayer Requests: Bobby Armstrong (brother-in-law of S. McCarter Mizell, cancer), Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Judy Ferguson (healing from surgery), Margaret Ann Ferguson, Kathy Forester (E. Moseley’s sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, Mrs. Rita Jackson, Jan Kombs (friend of J. LeMoyne, stroke), Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne’s brother, Parkinson’s disease), Dana Massey (advanced brain cancer, friend of S. Burns), Annie Mae McDaniel (Judy Ferguson’s mother), Jim Pittman (V. Linder’s brother, cancer), Marcia Trevino and Norm West.