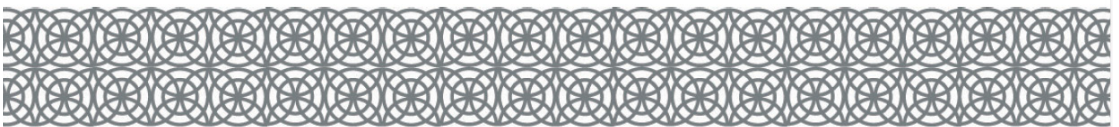




SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 4, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen



Prelude

Call to Worship

Mark 10:14-16

“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

Hymn

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands/
Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

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Congregational Prayer of Confession

Adapted from John Owen (1616-1683)

Minister: Loving Father, may we see You as love, not questioning Your good-will and kindness, but seeing in Your heart the fountain of all goodness.

People: May we look on You as a Father, kind and tender.

Minister: Your love is an eternal love, fixed on us before the foundation of the world, before we were, or had done, the least good.

People: This thought alone makes us leap for joy.

Minister: Help us, we pray, to believe that such is Your fatherly heart toward us. May our minds know it, may our wills embrace it, may our affections be filled with it.

People: Let us be bound with the cords of this love.

Minister: As we come to this fountain, may we discover the sweetness of its steams.

People: And so may we, who once ran from You, not be able to keep at a distance – even for a moment.

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

The Lord Our God is Good



Psalm Reading

Psalm 127

Minister: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Minister: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

People: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Minister: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

People: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

BS Medley

This Little Light of Mine

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Peace Like a River

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Alleluia, He is Coming

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Sanctuary

(see page 8)

At the last stanza of "Sanctuary," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Selected Scripture

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, 2 for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. – Proverbs 3:1-6

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. 22 For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. – Proverbs 4:20-23

A Wicked Heart: The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. – Proverbs 10:20

A Crooked Heart: Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the Lord, but those of blameless ways are His delight. – Proverbs 11:20

A Deceitful Heart: Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy. – Proverbs 12:20

A Foolish Heart: A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly. – Proverbs 12:23

A Worried Heart: Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. – Proverbs 12:25

A Tranquil Heart: A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot.
– Proverbs 14:30

A Joyful/Sad Heart: A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed. – Proverbs 15:13

A Proud Heart: Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. – Proverbs 16:5

A Wise Heart: The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips. – Proverbs 16:23

A Hardened Heart: Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity. – Proverbs 28:14

Homily

KEEPING THE HEART

Mr. Clark

Proverbs 3:1-6, 4:20-23

Wise Living in an Insane World, IV

Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response

Revelation 22:21-22

He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

He Who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

“Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come.



Sermon Notes

He's Got the Whole World/ Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Men: He's got you and me brother in His hands...

Women: He's got you and me sister in His hands...

He's got everybody here in His hands...

Chorus

Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand
Hold to His hand, God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling

Chorus

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures
They will never pass away

Chorus

He's got the whole world in His hands...

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel?
No! I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out –
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes,
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
In my soul

I've got love like an ocean...
In my soul

I've got joy like a fountain...
In my soul

I've got peace, joy, love like a river...
In my soul

Alleluia, He is Coming

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-com-ing.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-com-ing down the road.

Chorus

Al-le-lu-ia, He is coming.
Al-le-lu-ia, He is here.
Al-le-lu-ia, He is coming.
Al-le-lu-ia, He is here.

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-weep-ing for my sins.

Chorus

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dy-ing.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dy-ing on the cross.

Chorus

I looked up and I saw my Lord a-ris-ing.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-ris-ing from the grave.

Chorus

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Making a Joyful Noise

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

*Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures,
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.*

–Martin Luther

Created to Sing - In His Image

We are creatures uniquely made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-28). We are designed to benefit from beauty in creativity. God made us to be powerfully engaged in our senses and memories to music. Songs have the power to prompt memory or transport us back to some other time and place. Our imagination is another aspect of the dignity we have been given by God. Music ventures into the inner corridors of our soul in ways that other things do not – it moves us deeply.

Echoing through our congregational singing is the communication the divine Author has written into this world. Singing together organizes notes and words in beautiful ways to shine God's dazzling truths into the relativistic grays of our culture. It is an incredible thing that we, the created ones, have been given a way to communicate with the One Who made us and His ears are open and listening as we lift our voices.

As we sing to God and about God together with the people of God, we reflect the truth that we were designed for community both with God and with each other. When His Church sings together with voice upon voice like arms linked across a room, across the globe and across history, we are doing what we were designed to – use our God-given voices to sing praises together to the One Who gave us voices.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, by Keith and Kristyn Getty, chapter 1 pp 5-8.



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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



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