



SUNDAY EVENING
Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 23, 2024 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.



Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Peter Hilliard

Kim Steen, *flute*

Chip Lasseter, *guitar*; Robert McGowin, *bass*

† Call to Worship

Psalm 68:32, 34-35

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

sing praises to the Lord.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God from His sanctuary;

the God of Israel—

He is the one who gives power and strength to His people.

ALL: Blessed be God!

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn 496

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

THE PROMISED LAND

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord



Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.



Hear our cry for mer - cy. Teach us Your will.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-7, 11b-13

Rejoice in the Lord always;

again I will say rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

† Hymn 330

Oh, How Good It Is

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(After the last stanza of "Oh, How Good It Is,"

1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.)

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:27-31

pew Bible page, 763

Homily

COMFORT FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

Rev. Bill Clark,

IV. The Source of True Strength

Assistant Minister

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

† Hymn of Preparation 97

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

† Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven;
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into Heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life;
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spake by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead;

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

Words of Institution

Serving of the Meal

Isaiah 40

Wendy and Rob Jacobson

Chip Lasseter, *tenor*; Lacey Thomas, *soprano*

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† Hymn 31

To God Be the Glory

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† Benediction

† Benediction Response

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!**

Postlude

Variations on THE PROMISED LAND

Sermon Notes
Isaiah 40:27-31
The Source of True Strength

From *Isaiah by the Day* by Alec Motyer

Thought for the day: Isaiah 40:27–31

Even if we wouldn't dream of saying it, circumstances can easily prompt the unbidden thought, Where is God in all this? And why is He not doing something about it? Has He forgotten?

There is, of course, a god who is not there when we need him (1 Kings 18:27), but not the Lord God Almighty. He is 'unfainting, unwearying,' that is, He lacks neither energy nor commitment; His strength does not ebb away, nor does He tire of the task in hand. It's just that 'He is unfathomable in His discernment' – He sees to the heart of the situation in a way we never can and in ways we are not equipped to appreciate.

The sooner we learn that lesson the better. It will meet us again in Isaiah in the famous words (55:8), 'My thoughts are not your thoughts ... your ways are not My ways.' But please remember: our inability to 'discern' does not mean that no discernment is at work; our inability to see point or purpose does not mean there is no point or purpose. The more we exalt the greatness of our God, the more we learn to appreciate our smallness, weakness, incapacity. We need to learn not to fret and fume; we need to accept our limitations of knowledge, wisdom and foresight. Or, as Isaiah tells us, we need to practice 'waiting' for the Lord.

Waiting is looking. When Isaiah puts Israel's grousing into words (v. 27) what does he do next? He directs our eyes to the Lord (v. 28). Look away from yourself, look at Him. **Next comes, expect from Him (v. 29);** He is ever the giving God – giving strength to surmount the problem, to run the race, and (best of all) to walk the path (v. 31). But this is not (so to speak) a hypodermic syringe operation – the injection of some transforming serum called 'strength.' It is what the Lord is in Himself: the unfainting, unwearying one imparts his own unfainting, unwearying nature (vv. 28, 31) to us!

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Ephesians 6:10



VISITORS

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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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