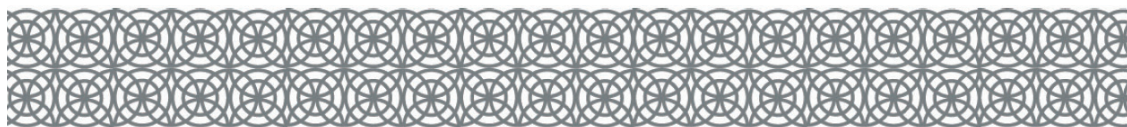


SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 9, 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, *Senior Minister*

Prelude

*Lamb of God
Fairest Lord Jesus
Chip Lasseter, guitar*

† Call to Worship

Psalm 119:89-90a, 114

Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

You are my hiding place and my shield;

I hope in Your word.

† Prayer of Invocation

Evening Prayer

from Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769

Lord, You know what distracted hearts we have:

Teach us to examine ourselves.

You know what hard, dead hearts we have:

Touch and awaken us!

You know how we yet resist Your word and our lower nature
is reluctant to bow to Your scepter:

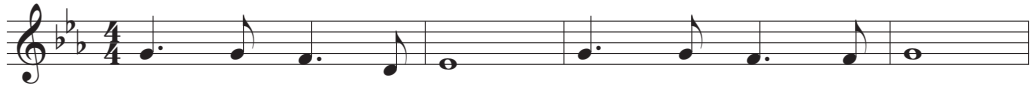
O Lord, show forth Your power.

Send Your Spirit on high to work among us, to make our hearts submissive;

By Your Spirit make us capable of living in true union with You,

And of yielding totally to Your grace. Amen.

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.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with Him is plentiful redemption.

ALL: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

† Hymns

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

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Oh, How Good It Is

OH, HOW GOOD IT IS

*At the last stanza of “Oh, How Good It Is,”
1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.*

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:1-11

pew Bible, page 762

Homily

COMFORT FOR GOD’S CHILDREN

Rev. Bill Clark

II. Voices of Comfort for Us

Assistant Minister

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn (*see page 4*)

His Mercy Is More

Keith & Kristyn Getty

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

His Mercy Is More

Getty

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!**

Postlude

Variations on PSALM 42

His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
we - lcomes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,

Repeat refrain last time



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

SERMON NOTES

Voices of Comfort for Us

Isaiah 40:1-11

From *Isaiah by the Day* by Alec Motyer

Thought for the day: Isaiah 40:1-11

The most wonderful thing about these verses is not the beauty of their expression (though that in itself would have been enough), nor the attractiveness of what they reveal (though, again, that would suffice), but the place where they come. Doom has been pronounced on Hezekiah (39:6-7), and with it the death knell seems to have been sounded for all Isaiah's glittering predictions of a coming king.

At this darkest of moments, the call goes out to speak the word of comfort (v. 1), to proclaim hardship finished and sins forgiven (v. 2) to announce that Yahweh Himself is on His way with worldwide significance (vv. 3-5), that His word and promises can never fail (vv. 6-8), and that Zion's people are the flock He has worked for and now holds in His tender care (vv. 9-11). This is the Lord undefeated even by our most grievous sin; the Lord who never calls back the word He has spoken, and who cannot be deflected from its fulfilment!

It will all become even more wonderful as Isaiah develops his message in these chapters. We will learn what the Lord's 'arm ruling' means, that it is in truth His 'arm' – the Lord Jesus anticipated in His executive might; we will discover what 'work' He has done to earn the 'wages' He desired – His people, His flock. So much wonder lies ahead, but let us never lose sight of this initial wonder or fail to stand in awe of it. ***It is what He is towards us as sinners and failures; it is the way His intentions triumph over our frailties. The Sovereign God is never more sovereign than in the work of mercy and salvation, and it is those who know they have most signally erred and strayed from His ways, who, within the blessed arena of salvation, feel most gently the warmth of His shepherding arms around them, and know themselves for sure to be the lambs of His flock.***



VISITORS

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

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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