



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 25, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Lord, we would anticipate the very portals of heaven, each gate made of a single pearl (Revelation 21:21), and what it will mean to pass through such beauty and color and unmitigated light and goodness to receive the inheritance of those made worthy in the blood of the Lamb. Lord, as You restore our souls, restore us to the hope of heaven. May we once again receive glimpses of the eternal beyond that beckon us as we run this race from the region of time to the healing that only eternity with You can bring. Amen.



The Prelude

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

Please sit only in open pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for attendees over 6 years old at all times. Those who are not present physically will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture. Overflow will be in Trinity Hall at 8:30 a.m. and the Spires Room (across from the bookstore) at 11:00.

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise No. 156 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*
(stanza 1)

ST. THEODULPH

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord, Most Holy, Your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Minister: Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask Who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little Word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

✠ The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

✠ The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

✠ The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Call to Confession – Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – Isaiah 53:4-6

Hear the good news! Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. **Thanks be to God!**

The General Prayer

✠ The Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #2

No. 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

In 2020, we are counting down our top requested hymns from our "favorite hymn survey."

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

We Receive God's Word

The Prayer of Illumination

† The New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

† The Humble Response

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

People: **The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Sermon

A LIVING HOPE

Mr. Curles

1 Peter 1:3-9

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Sermon outline on pages 8-10.

The Prayer of Application

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. [*Refrain*]

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [*Refrain*]

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Minister: God is good!

People: All the time!

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Minister: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: AMEN.

† The Dismissal by Pew

Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing. Please do not gather or socialize inside the building. Please take all personal items, including your worship bulletin, with you as you leave.

† The Postlude

Improvisation on "Ein Feste Burg

Bender

A LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1:3-9

I. WHY WE NEED HOPE

*Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope** and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:12*

A. We need hope to have purpose in our lives

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a **hope**. Jeremiah 29:11*

B. We need hope for energy and power

*...but those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

C. We need hope as a foundation for our soul

*We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a **hope** that enters into the inner place behind the curtain. Hebrews 6:19*

D. We need hope to endure suffering – verse 6

*Rejoice in **hope**, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12*

II. WHAT HOPE IS

Two enemies of hope

- Despair – the opposite of hope
- Presumption – the counterfeit of hope

Definition: Hope is the expectation of fulfillment of things not seen, specifically in the face of evidence to the contrary.

*Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope**, and **hope** does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Romans 5:2-5*

*For in this **hope** we were saved. Now **hope** that is seen is not **hope**. For who **hopes** for what he sees? But if we **hope** for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:24-25*

III. HOW YOU GET AND GROW HOPE

A. You must be born again – v. 3

*Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:12*

B. Set your eyes on your inheritance

*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory. Colossians 1:27*

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

C. Remember that Hope is a person

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20

*And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He Who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**. Romans 15:12-13*



The Sanctuary Flowers

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF
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Thank you for joining us for worship.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY. Use this form to indicate your presence with us for worship. Fill out the appropriate sections, tear off, and place the form in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Names and ages of children at home:

☐ Single ☐ Married

AGE GROUP ☐ 12 and under ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-35

☐ 36-50 ☐ Over 50

☐ First Time Visitor ☐ Repeat Visitor

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Please let us know of:

☐ New Address

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Name _____

To my Elders...

I have the following prayer and/or praise to God:

To my Deacons...

I know of the following situation where assistance is needed:

NAME _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

TELEPHONE _____

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior. *Amen.*

*(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today,
please let one of the pastors know)*



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