



*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.*

The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

JULY 18, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Behold, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I do not perceive Him;
on the left hand when He is working, I do not behold Him;
He turns to the right hand, but I do not see Him. But He knows the way that I take;
when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold.*

— JOB 23:8-10



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Improvisations on *Fairest Lord Jesus*
and *Take My Life and Let it Be*

CRUSADER'S HYMN
HENDON

Edward M. Patterson, Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus

*Please maintain social distancing. Masks are optional in the sanctuary;
masks are mandatory in the Spires Room. Overflow is available in the Westminster Room.*

The Striking of the Hour

† The Song of Ascent

O Worship the King

LYONS

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 139:7-10; I Kings 8:27; Acts 17:27-28

Mr. Curles

Minister: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to Heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

ALL: But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!

Minister: [God] is actually not far from each one of us, for 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
 let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
 take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
 let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
 changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† 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.**

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – from Psalm 38

O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath! For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

The Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 32:5

Child of God, the Holy Spirit assures us of our pardon through the words of the Psalmist: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Pastoral Prayer – Psalm 42:7; Psalm 69:2

The Hymn No. 689

Be Still My Soul
(stanzas 1-3)

FINLANDIA

During the final stanza, children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children’s Church.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide; in ev’ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

We Receive God's Word

† The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 107:23-32

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord, His wondrous works in the deep. 25 For He commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. 26 They mounted up to Heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; 27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. 29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. 30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven. 31 Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! 32 Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

† The New Testament Lesson

John 6:16-21

16 When evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they were glad to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

The Special Music

Fairest Lord Jesus
Fran and Mark Nabholz

arr. Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature. Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

The Sermon

WALKING ON WATER

Mr. McRoberts

Jesus Moves Toward You in Your Trouble

John 6:16-21

The Gospel of John, XVII

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A sermon outline can be found on page 8.

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

† The Hymn No. 94

How Firm a Foundation
(stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks
and all these shadows flee away.

People: Amen.

† The Quiet Meditation and Personal Application of God's Word

† The Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
(Tune: CORONATION)

Charles Callahan



The Sanctuary Flowers

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MAE MAE JOHNSON AND LULU JOHNSON.**

WALKING ON WATER

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THE INTRODUCTION

THE SETTING

For Further Encouragement and Meditation: Isaiah 40:1-10; John 1:1-5; 20:31; Hebrews 5:7

I. JESUS: ALWAYS SOVEREIGN

For Further Encouragement and Meditation: Psalm 16:6; 30:5; Matthew 14:22-23; Mark 6:45-46; Luke 22:32; John 5:15; 16:33; Philippians 1:29; II Timothy 3:12; James 1:2-3; I Peter 4:12

II. JESUS: ALWAYS PRAYING

For Further Encouragement and Meditation: Psalm 103:14; 139:4; Proverbs 17:17; John 1:1-3; 15:14; Romans 8:28; Philippians 4:19; Revelation 1:17; 22:13

III. JESUS: ALWAYS RELATIONAL ~ 6:19-21

For Further Encouragement and Meditation: Psalm 37:5; Nahum 1:3; Matthew 10:29-31; 28:20; John 1:18; Hebrews 4:15

CONCLUSION

NOTE PARALLEL PASSAGES: *Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52*