

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

MARCH 5, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude Prelude No. 6 in D minor J. S. Bach

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship Philippians 2:5-11 Mr. Curles

Minister: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

† The Hymn No. 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Gospel Confession ~ A Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 60: How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Q. 61: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

A. It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

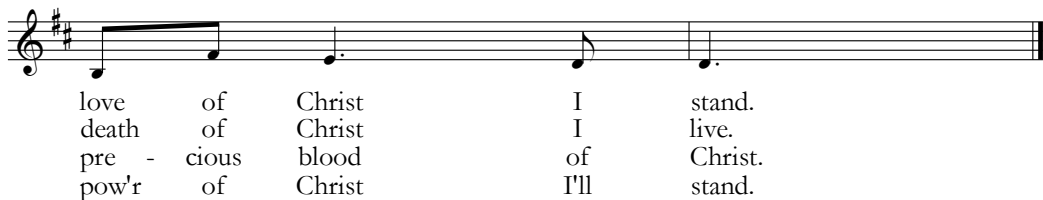
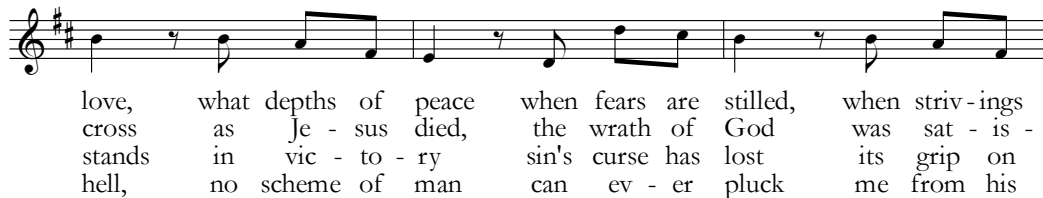
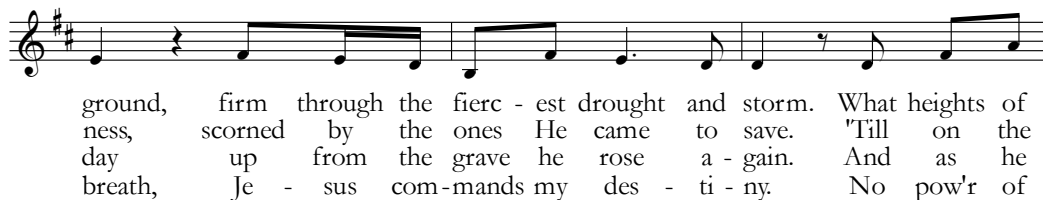
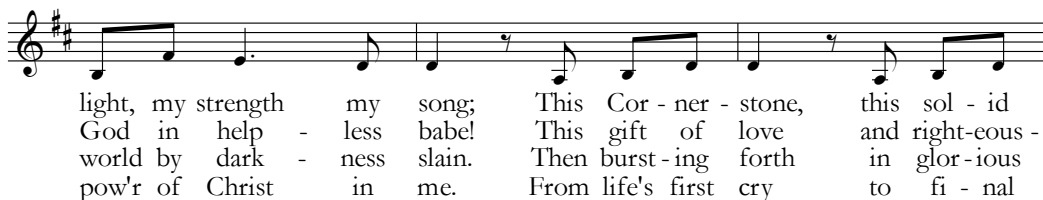
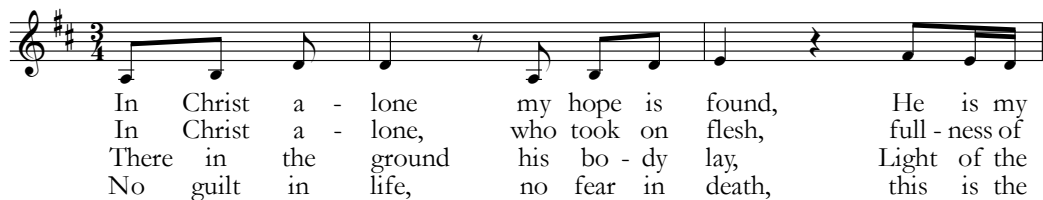
Q. 62: Why can't the good we do make us right with God, or at least help make us right with him?

A. Because the righteousness which can pass God's scrutiny must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to divine law. Even the very best we do in this life is imperfect and stained with sin.

Q. 64: But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

A. No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.

The Morning Prayer



The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Solo

In Christ Alone
Susan Carothers, *soloist*

Shawn Craig and Don Koch

In Christ alone will I glory, though I could pride myself in battles won.
For I've been blessed beyond measure and by His strength alone I overcome.
Oh, I could stop and count successes like diamonds in my hand.
But those trophies could not equal to the grace by which I stand.
Chorus: In Christ alone I place my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross. In every victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope Is Christ alone
In Christ alone will I glory for only by His grace I am redeemed.
And only His tender mercy could reach beyond my weakness to my need.
Now I seek no greater honor but just to know Him more,
And to count my gains but loss to the glory of my Lord. *Chorus*

The Prayer of Illumination

The mark of a great sermon is not saying, "what a great sermon," nor "what a great preacher," but "what a great God." ~ Steven J. Lawson

† The Reading of God's Word

Romans 1:1-7

Page 1194 in the Pew Bible

† The 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 Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Sermon

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Mr. McRoberts

Greetings

Exposition of Romans I

Romans 1:1-7

Introduction ~ The Impact of ROMANS on Notable Christian Men

General Comments About the Series

- I. Paul Described: v. 1
 - A. The Man
 - B. The Bondservant of Jesus Christ
 - C. The Apostle

- II. Gospel Defined: vv. 2-4
 - A. Its Origin: v. 2
 - B. Its Center of Gravity: vv. 3-4

- III. Beauty Dispersed: vv. 5-7
 - A. Grace: v. 5
 - B. Obedience of Faith for the Sake of His Name: v. 5
 - C. I Now Belong to Jesus: v. 6
 - D. I am the Father's Beloved: v. 7
 - E. Called to be a Saint: v. 7
 - F. Grace and Peace: v. 7b

Conclusion

† The Hymn No. 455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* SAGINA

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

† The Postlude Recessional on *And Can It Be* Jon Spong



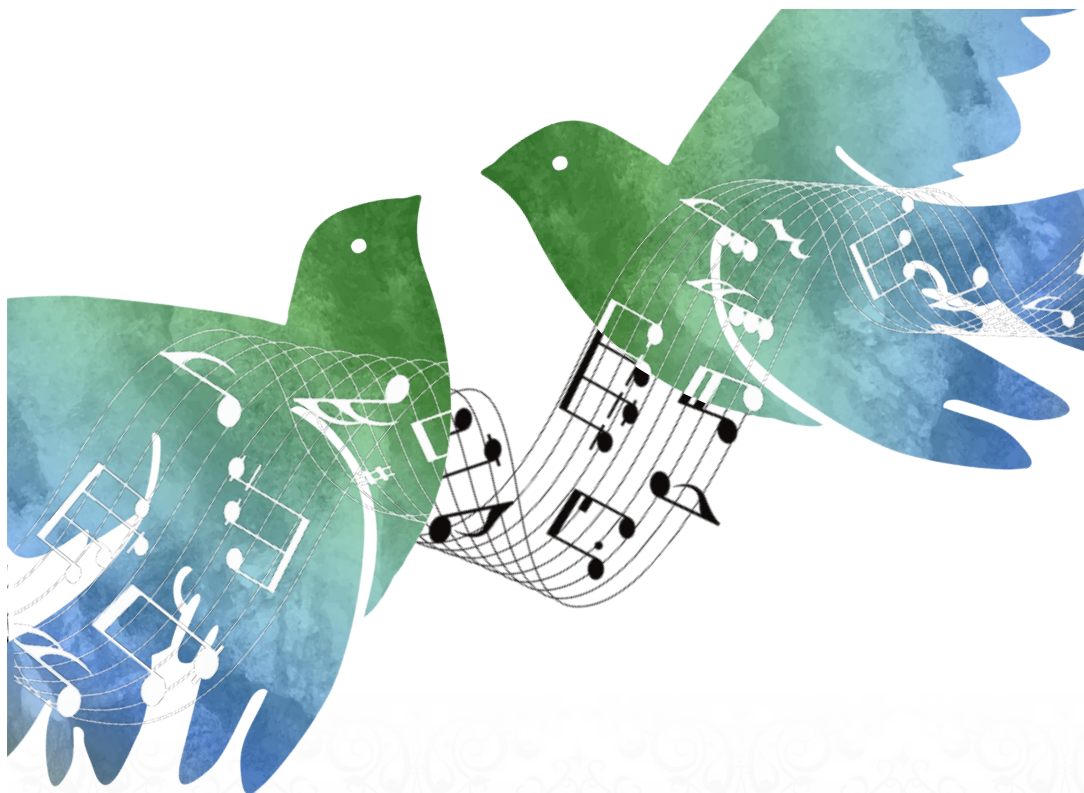
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and in loving memory of

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by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morris and family.

JOIN US TONIGHT AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY



Choral Evensong

with the Trinity Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
and Christchurch Chancel Choir