



The Lord's Day | October 11, 2020

Preparation

Gathering Song

Music Team

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus We will stand as children of the promise;
 we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
 Till the race is finished and the work is done,
 we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *Chorus*

By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. *Chorus*

Call to Worship

Psalm 102:15-22

Leader: Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

All: For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

Leader: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

All: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 170

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, fair are 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, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

Confession of Faith

Colossians 3:1-4

All: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn of Faith

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 699

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalms 37:5-7

All: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Leader: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

All: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 69:19-20

All: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Leader: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Church Life Announcements

Prayer for Offering

Doxology (with Alleluias)

Hymn 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer

Grant Buckner

Scripture Reading

Acts 28:1-16

¹ After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴ When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

¹¹ After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. ¹² Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³ And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

Song of Rejoicing**Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our king, nothing can compare, come, let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? *Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! *Chorus* twice

Benediction**Postlude**

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