

January 8, 2023

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

**Prelude**

*Selection by Musician*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 9:9-10

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup> And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

No. 235

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:  
to Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King.  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Prayer of Confession**

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with you when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 9:13-14

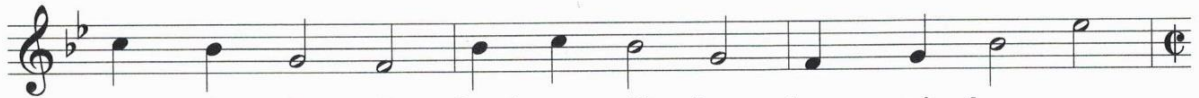
<sup>13</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, <sup>14</sup> that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Heaven's Gift



1. When far from God and lost in sin I took God's book and  
2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost: pro - pi - ti - a - tion  
3. Now in Christ's right - eous - ness a - lone I stand be - fore God's  
4. Christ paid the price to set me free: His blood poured out on  
5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side, by faith a - lone I'm



looked with - in, I found a gift from heav - en's throne, a  
for the lost. My sub - sti - tute, con - demned He died, and  
awe - some throne, and grasp what on - ly God could do: be  
Cal - vary's tree. Now noth - ing as my own I'll call, for  
jus - ti - fied. Be - fore the throne I take my place and



right - eous - ness from God made known.  
turned God's wrath from me a - side.  
just and jus - ti - fi - er too.  
all is Christ's and Christ my all.  
rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

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Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

**A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.**

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

**A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.**

### **Prayer of Intercession**

### **Offering**

*Selection by Musician*

### **\*Doxology**

No. 731

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.

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### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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1. Reconcile
  
2. Rejoice
  
3. Reasonableness
  
4. Do Not Worry
  
5. Trust the Promise

Questions:

1. How do you view disagreements in the church? Do you see them as opportunities for God's grace to shine in our lives and the lives of others? Why or why not?
- 2.
3. How can you know with certainty that your joy does NOT depend upon your circumstances?
4. What does it mean to be reasonable? Can you recall a time when you behaved reasonably in the midst of conflict?
5. What does peace mean to you? Do you prize peace in life and peace in your relationships above all else? Are there things that you can do to further peace in your life?

PSALM 9:1-2, 9-14

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Wholehearted Thanksgiving

1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,  
2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;  
3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell  
4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;  
all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;  
of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,  
and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,  
for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake  
of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,  
that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.  
the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.  
who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.  
my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to Je - ho - vah, de - clare ye his fame,

and give him all hon - or, for just is his name.

Partial  
*The Psalter*, 1912  
 Refrain by Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.ref.  
 William H. Doane, 1875



**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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**Postlude**

*Selection by Musician*

\* **Congregation:** Please stand as able.

**Piano**

Cathy Reed

**Intercessory Prayer**

Andrew Gretzinger

**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 1/8</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School Resumes</b> (Children, Adult, & Inquirers)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>TUES 1/10</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Senior Bible (I Pet 2:13-25)</b>
<b>SUN 1/15</b>	9:20 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> (Children, Adult, & Inquirers)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>

**Serving the Lord**

	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5
<b>Nursery</b>	Angela Collins	Megan Jones	Jenni Gretzinger	Kathleen Gretzinger	Angela Collins
<b>Greeters</b>	Phyllis Sederberg	Cherie Lee Yonker	Lash Fam	Lindborg Fam	Dar Stam
<b>Treats/ Clean</b>	Sign	up	at	the	desk
<b>Audio</b>	Grayden Lash	Ben Armstrong	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash
<b>Elder</b>	Andrew Gretzinger	Jim Martin	Chris Erickson	Yon Lindborg	Bruce Hrivnak
<b>Deacon</b>	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis	Ben Armstrong	Jason Lash	Craig Curtis
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bruce Hrivnak

**Announcements**

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School resumes today at 9:20 AM with classes for all ages. These are important opportunities for us to grow together in our faith and knowledge of God and his ways. All are urged to attend.  
     Adult classes: (1) The History of Christianity in Early America (continuation of earlier class). (2) Foundations of the Christian Faith (for inquirers or those interested in church membership). See fliers on the Welcome desk.
- **Senior Bible Study:** Senior Bible Study is scheduled for this Tuesday, 1 pm. Should the weather become problematic, please contact Robbin Kern (219-617-6730) for an update.