## February 28, 2021

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

## Offering

Please put tithe in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins. (Mark on memo line if designating for a specific fund i.e. Deacon's Fund.)

**Prelude** 

Only a Holy God Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah By CityAlight Arr. Melody Bober

#### Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 51:14-17

\*Hymn of Praise

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

No. 97

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You; we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You; through life's storm and tempest our Guide You have been. When perils o'er-take us, escape You will make us, and with Your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, to You, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us; to You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

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## \*Prayer of Invocation

## **Prayer of Confession**

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have wandered from you this week and cast ourselves on your great mercy, asking you to forgive us of all our sin and unrighteousness through the blood of your son, Jesus Christ. How foolish we have been, and we repent now of every sin that we have committed against you and your infinite holiness. Help us to become more holy in thought, word, and deed and move us forward by your grace. May we ever seek you when we fall into sin and warm our hearts again with your unfailing grace that has saved us from eternal damnation. Help us now to do these things, by the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 51:3-12

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the innermost place. <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

## \*Hymn of Thanksgiving This is My Father's World

No. 111

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

#### **Westminster Shorter Catechism 10-11**

- Q10. How did God create man?
- A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.
- Q11. What are God's works of providence?
- A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

## **Prayer of Intercession**

\*Hymn of Preparation

God, Be Merciful to Me

No. 486

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea, plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now; wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress; I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face; I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart; make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice; from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me; thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee; Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love; touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Hymns from *Trinity Hymnal* used by permission of Great Commission Publications.

Sermon

Assumptions vs. Reality

Luke 11:29-36

- 1. Eyes
- 2. Signs
  - a. Jonah: Repentance
  - b. Solomon: Perseverance
- 3. Light

#### Questions:

- 1. How often do you read the Bible? What specifically can you do to increase your Bible reading?
- 2. What is the difference between being sorry and being truly repentant? How are they the same? How are they different?
- 3. Why is it important to be specific when it comes to your sanctification? Why is "fuzzyland" an ineffective place to be?
- 4. How do you increase light in your home? How do you increase light in your life? How do you increase light in this world?

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, 'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit, obediently shine, the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deep of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, 'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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#### \*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

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

by CityAlight

\* Congregation: Please stand as able.

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Piano/Guitar Intercessory Prayer Chris Erickson Bruce Hrivnak

# Weekly Calendar

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>TIME</b> | <b>EVENT</b>   |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| SUN 2/28    | 9:00 AM     | Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God) |
|             | 10:30 AM    | Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)                   |
| WED 3/3     | 9:30 AM     | Women's Morning Study<br>(Meets at Church)                       |
| SUN 3/7     | 9:00 AM     | Opening Exercises & Sunday School (New Members & Kingdom of God) |
|             | 10:30 AM    | Worship Service (available YouTube & Facebook)                   |

**Serving the Lord** 

|                   | 2/28      | 3/7       | 3/14         | 3/21       | 3/28      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
|                   |           |           |              |            |           |
| AM Nursery        | Ashley    | Lorrie    | Kathleen     | Yon        | Cordie    |
| Greeters          | N/A       | N/A       | N/A          | N/A        | N/A       |
| Treats            | N/A       | N/A       | N/A          | N/A        | N/A       |
| Serve/Cleanup     | N/A       | N/A       | N/A          | N/A        | N/A       |
| Audio             | B. Schoon | J. Martin | B. Armstrong | B. Schoon  | J. Martin |
| Elder of the Week | Hrivnak   | Nelson    | Lindborg     | Gretzinger | Hrivnak   |
| Deacon of the     | Matt      | Jason     | Jim          | Matt       | Jason     |
| Week              |           |           |              |            |           |

#### **Announcements**

> Save the Date: April 10 from 9-12pm, the Session would invite all members for a morning workshop to further discuss the new Philosophy of Ministry statement, and would ask for specific input from members of the congregation on how we might prioritize, implement, and further develop future goals for the church. More information will follow, but for now, please plan on being there. Breakfast will be provided.

#### > Amendments:

- Oops, the dates in last week's bulletin were incorrect. The wheel chair drive is April 17 & 24. We are still in need volunteers (sign-up sheet @ welcome desk).
- Along with candy for the Egg hunt feel free to donate mini stickers or toys (box by office).

#### Upcoming Conferences:

- The Gospel Coalition National Conference will be held in Indianapolis Apr 12-14 and is also available for virtual participation. This is an opportunity to hear excellent teaching and attend a variety of interesting break-out sessions. Virtual participation makes it possible for many more to attend. Contact Schoons and Hrivnaks for more info. Registration fees are \$179 (increasing to \$199 on March 1) thegospelcoalition.org
- Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Center of Holland is hosting a conference on Depression on April 16th. In a world of sin and suffering, depression is an ongoing reality. The Coronavirus pandemic has exposed a pandemic of depression within our communities. Come and hear Dr. David Murray offer a word of hope from a biblical perspective. The conference will be in Holland, MI. Registration information will be forthcoming so save the date.
- ➤ **Women's Study**: On Wednesday, March 10th, the Women's Morning Bible Study will be starting a new book "Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortlund. We meet 9:30 11:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the church. Come join us!
- ➤ Church Leadership Meetings: The Session meets the first Tuesday of every month and the Deacon's meet the third Tuesday of each month. If ever there are any concerns, questions, or needs, please do not hesitate to contact Yon Lindborg, Clerk of Session (yonedfarm@gmail.com) or Jim Martin, Clerk of the Diaconate (jim@jimandlorrie.com) with these matters, and we will always do our best to address them in a timely and biblical manner.
- ➤ **Book Table:** The resources vary and are there for whatever needs you may have. Feel free to take any books you need. If you wish to give a donation to the church in gratitude or to restock for the future please mark it clearly for book table.