

March 10, 2024

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

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Speak O Lord

Townend & Getty

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Come Thou Almighty King

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 134:1-3

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***Hymn of Praise**

New King James Version
3-part canon

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

David R. Erb, 2007

Be - hold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands in the sanc - tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD.

The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

G G D Em G/D C G/D D G

*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:13

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 77)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm this to me. I have done that which you have forbidden and left undone what you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee;

forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to your great mercy in Jesus Christ, my Lord. For in him I hope, and in him I come before you this day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

How Firm a Foundation

Insert

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:13-20 (Pew pg.555/LP pg. 698)

Heidelberg Catechism Q48-49

pg. 879 in New Hymnal (Brown)

48. Q. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

49. Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven

as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members,
up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth
as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power
we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Townend

***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**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1 What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2 The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3 No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Sermon

1 Tim 3:1-7 (Pew pg. 992/LP pg. 1234)

1. Character Counts

2. Public and Private

3. Standing Firm

Questions:

1. What does it mean in v. 1 that ‘he desires a noble task’? What blessings to elder’s get to experience that other believers do not?
2. Why are so many of the qualifications concerned with a man’s inner character? What does this tell you about the nature of the job of an elder and the nature of the warfare he faces?
3. Why is God so concerned with how a man manages his home? What does this tell you about the church?
4. What does v. 7 mean? Why should we care about what others think, especially the outside world?

***Hymn of Response**

The Church’s One Foundation

No. 404

Find in New Hymnal (Brown)

***Benediction**

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

To God Be The Glory

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

Musician

Chris Erickson

Musician

Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Chris Erickson

Weekly Calendar

SUN 3/10	9:20 AM 10:30 AM After Church	Sunday School Worship Service East Shepherding Group Meeting @ Carleton House
TUE 3/12	5:00 PM	Women’s Evening Study
WED 3/13	1:00 PM	PM Group
THUR 3/14	9:30 AM	Women’s Morning Group
SAT 3/16	8-10 AM	Youth Group (Parents Welcome)
SUN 3/17	9:20 AM 10:30 AM After Church	Sunday School Worship Service Choir Practice

	3/10/24	3/17/24
AM Nursery	Robbin Kern & Cordie Armstrong	Beth Siderius & Lorrie Martin
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Connie Eenigenburg
Treats/ Clean Up	Sign up at welcome desk	Sign up at welcome desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ben Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Chris Erickson	Andrew Gretzinger
Deacon of the Week	Ben Armstrong	Craig Curtis
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A
Officer on Duty	Jim Martin	Ben Armstrong

Announcements

- **Welcome a new baby to our congregation:** The rosebud in the front of the church today is to commemorate the birth of Micah Goodwin Bailey, born @ 5:11 am on March 8, 2024 to Peter and Calla Bailey. Little Brother to Junia, Levi, and Miriam. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
- **Candy Donations:** Please bring candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, which is the Saturday before Easter, March 30th @ 10am. Candy collected in blue baskets on welcome desk.
- **Hymn Sing Save the Date:** Next Hymn Sing Sun. March 24 @ 5pm. Request songs on sign-up sheet at welcome desk.
- **Easter**
 - **Choir** – Easter Choir sign-up sheet at the welcome desk. All ages welcome. Practices 3/17 & 3/24.
 - **Memorial Lilies** - Sign up at the welcome desk.
- **March Shepherding Group**

*** East Group (Erickson/Lindborg)**
 Sunday 3/10 after church at Carleton House.