

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**Prelude**

*Faith of Our Fathers!*

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*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 18:1-3

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Paid It All*

No. 308

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me, your all in all.”

**REFRAIN:**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone. **REFRAIN**

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim--  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. **REFRAIN**

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. **REFRAIN**

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21:9-14

### **Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, do what you must do to work true repentance in our hearts for our sins. We confess that we take our own sin far too lightly, that we are far too casual in our attitudes and thoughts about the sins that we commit daily. You are a God who is all holy, and who cannot have sin in Your sight. We throw ourselves upon Your great mercy and ask that You not cast us out of Your sight, even though we deserve this. We thank You that in Your love and mercy that You let our sin fall upon Your only son, Jesus, and it was Him that was cast away, and not us. Father, forgive us of our sins, not because of what we have done or not done; forgive us because of what Jesus has done and not done. He fulfilled Your law perfectly on our behalf, all the while without sinning. We thank You for this gift of salvation and ask that You continue to help us sin less and less. For it's in Jesus' name that we pray, Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 18:4-6

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; <sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. <sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

### **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

No. 674

I need thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

**REFRAIN:**

**I need thee, O I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.**

I need thee ev'ry hour; stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh. **REFRAIN**

I need thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. **REFRAIN**

I need thee ev'ry hour; teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises in me fulfil. **REFRAIN**

I need thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. **REFRAIN**

**Westminster Shorter Catechism 38-40**

Q. 38 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

Q. 39 What is the duty which God requireth of man?

**A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.**

Q. 40 What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

**A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.**

## Prayer of Intercession

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*The Sands of Time Are Sinking*

No. 546

Tune: Rutherford (*How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*)

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks,  
the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes;  
dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The King there in his beauty without a veil is seen;  
it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between:  
the Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:  
there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,  
and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace;  
not at the crown He gifteth, but on his pierced hand:  
the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Sermon Outline

1. The Role of Prayer

2. The Role of Apostles

3. What It All Means

Questions for Further Consideration:

1. Consider Luke 6:12. How important is intense prayer before we make major decisions? What are your greatest obstacles to intense prayer? How can you overcome some of these obstacles?

2. Look up Matthew 10:2-4 and Mark 3:13-19 and compare them to Luke 6:13-16. Note that the lists of disciples always begin with Peter and end with Judas Iscariot. Why is this so? Do you notice any other similarities or differences in these lists? What are they?
3. When Judas Iscariot hanged himself, why was it necessary to appoint another disciple to make up the twelve? (See Acts 1:15-26)
4. The term ‘Christian’ was a nickname given to disciples in the early years of the church (Acts 11:26). Would it be more helpful and accurate for us to speak of believers today as ‘disciples’? Why or why not?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Amazing Grace!*

No. 460

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

**\*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.

**\*Postlude**

*To God Be the Glory*

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

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**Organ**

Sandy Schoon

**Piano**

Sandy DeGroot

**Intercessory Prayer**

Nelson Schoon, Elder

## Weekly Calendar

**DATE**

**TIME**

**EVENT**

**SUN 5/24**

10:00 AM

Worship Service

**WED 5/27**

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study (via Zoom)

**SUN 5/31**

10:00 AM

Worship Service

## Serving the Lord

	5/24	5/31	6/7
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Stoltzfus	Gretzinger



## Announcements

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Although the ladies have finished their study of the book *Trusting God*, they will continue to meet via Zoom conference on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 for a time of fellowship and prayer for the next three weeks. Please contact Lucy Hrivnak if you would like more information.

**Devotionals and Words of Encouragement:** Pastor Gretzinger has been posting videos to YouTube and Facebook several times a week, in addition to the regular Sunday morning services. Also, the bulletins as well as audio recordings can be found on the church's website.

**Women's Center of NWI:** We received a thank you letter from the Women's Center of NWI for our generous participation in the Sanctity of Human Life Baby Bottle Boomerang and our continued faithfulness to this ministry. The letter is posted on the bulletin board just outside of the office.

**New Secretary:** Please send any announcements and prayer or praise requests for the bulletin and events for the calendar to Melissa either to the church's email at [info@goodshepherdpcanet.net](mailto:info@goodshepherdpcanet.net) or her personal email at [mbestoltzfus@gmail.com](mailto:mbestoltzfus@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday, in order to be placed in the bulletin on Sunday and on the church's website calendar.