

May 31, 2020

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

Prelude

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow
O, for a Thousand Tongues*

arr. Kartsonakis

arr. Kauflin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 146:1-2

***Hymn of Praise**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:1-14

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and fallen short of Your glory.
Forgive us, we pray and lead us in your ways, for your name sake. Help us to be
humble and help us to comprehend more and more that You are for us and not
against. May we savor the blessings that you so freely give to your people. Help us
to be generous with what we have and to be mindful of other people's needs all
around us. Make us more like You: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For it's in Jesus' name that we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalms 146:3-10

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit
departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. ⁵
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶
the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who

remains faithful forever. ⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, ⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. ¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

No. 297

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Westminster Shorter Catechism 41-42

Q. 41 Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Q. 42 What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayer of Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

No. 1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Sermon Outline

1. Blessings

2. Curses

3. How to Tell the Difference

Questions for Further Consideration...

1. Do the 'woes' in Luke 6:24-26 apply to most of us in the West? How so?
2. Considering Luke 6:24-26, how far do earthly pleasures rob us of spiritual blessings? What can we do about this?
3. What does it mean to be blessed?
4. Look up Numbers 6:24-27. Where have you heard it before? What does it mean for God to make his face to shine upon you? How does this truth impact your everyday life?

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain: (see above)

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

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**

O God of Light

arr. Hildebrand

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

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Organ & Piano

Sandy Schoon

Tenor Saxophone

Leam Armstrong

French Horn

Becky Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 5/31	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube and Facebook)
WED 6/3	9:30 AM	Ladies' Prayer & Fellowship (via Zoom)
MON 6/1	6:30 PM	Hrivnak Care Group (via Zoom)
SUN 6/7	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube and Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	5/31	6/7	6/14
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. Armstrong	J. Martin	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Lindborg



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

7 th Denise O'Neal	9 th Mike Kern	23 rd Maureen Birkett
26 th Lorrie Martin	27 th Andrew Gretzinger	28 th Isaiah Martin
29 th Robert Birkett	29 th Lidia Trujillo	
30 th Bill Ketner & Ethan Lash		

2nd Jerry & Sandy DeGroot's Anniversary
 16th Jim & Lorrie Martin's Anniversary
 25th Bryan & Denise O'Neal's Anniversary

Announcements

Bridal Shower for Kara O'Neal: We are rescheduling the bridal shower for Kara O'Neal to **Saturday, June 13th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** All the ladies are invited to attend! It will be held at the O'Neal home in their fenced-in backyard at **615 West St, Chesterton, IN 46304. Please RSVP to Denise O'Neal at 219-512-6412.** Kara is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

Ladies' Fellowship & Prayer Time: 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 two weeks. Please contact Lucy Hrivnak if you would like more information.

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

Congratulations to Ana Severson: Ana Severson graduated this week from Valparaiso High School with distinction as a National Honor Society Scholar and will attend Butler University on a full tuition scholarship to study music and chemistry.

Hrivnak Care Group: The Hrivnak Care Group will meet Monday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.