

November 17th, 2019

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

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.”

Psalm 8:1

Prelude

How Majestic Is Your Name

arr. Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God’s Welcome)

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***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100:1-3

***Hymn of Praise**

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.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:1-20

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Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, have mercy on us. Far too often we lower our eyes and fix our gaze on earthly matters, rather than looking at You. Forgive us of pride that convinces us that we are better than others. We are far too quick to compare ourselves to others that we see in sin, and to think that we are better than they. Convict us for seeing the sin that lies outside of us and failing to deal with the sin that dwells within each one of us. Lord God, continue to work faith, repentance, and new obedience in each one of our hearts that we would continue to be transformed, and that our lives would shine brightly into the darkness of this present world. Fix our eyes upon Jesus, for it's in His name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 100:4-5

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

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."
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 pow'r, and Yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim -
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Heidelberg Catechism 27, 28

Q. 27 What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. 28 How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Vandall

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him dwellers all in time and space,
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

Sermon Shoulder to Shoulder: Gospel Partnership in Philippi

Philippians 3:12-21
Pew Bible Page 1829

Outline

1. Motivation

2. Modelling

3. Membership

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2:1-2 and Galatians 6:14. How did Paul regard the cross of Christ?
2. How is the Christian to respond to the lusts of the flesh? Read 2 Timothy 2:22; Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 2:22; 4:2.
3. Some groups and people have taught that, even as a Christian, you can still indulge in sin and live a life which is hardly any different from that of an unbeliever. Discuss this in the light of the teaching in this section.
4. A mentor is someone who sets an example to others and teaches them. Is there someone whom you could mentor, by modelling and demonstrating the grace of God in your life? How would you plan to go about this process?

***Hymn of Response**

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

No. 600

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

REFRAIN:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me. REFRAIN

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. REFRAIN

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. REFRAIN

***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**

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Leonard

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

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Piano

Denise O'Neal, Kathryn Robbins, Grayden Lash

Intercessory Prayer

Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 11/17	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Youth Bible Study
MON 11/18	6:00 PM	Hrivnak Care Group
TUES 11/19	1:00 PM	PM Care Group
WED 11/20	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Deacon's Meeting
SUN 11/24	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Carry-in Thanksgiving Meal

Important Upcoming Events

SUN 12/1	6:00 PM	<i>The Christmas Star</i> presentation
SAT 12/07	12:00 PM	Stechly Baby Shower
SAT 12/21	12:00 PM	Christmas Cookie Exchange

Serving the Lord

	11/17	11/24	12/01
AM Nursery	L. Hrivnak, Aaron L.	B. Hrivnak, Emily S.	L. Martin, Grace M.
Greeters	J. Faber	Stoltzfus	DeGroot
Treats	Lindborg	Hrivnak	Lash
Serve/Cleanup	Lindborg	Hrivnak	Lash
Audio	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Schoon	Hrivnak

Announcements

☞ **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:** We will be having a carry-in lunch after the morning worship service next Sunday, November 24. We will enjoy fellowship and have an opportunity as a church family to thank God for His goodness. Pastor Andrew will lead the devotions after the meal. Everyone should please bring a main dish. Those members whose last name falls alphabetically between A -K should also bring a salad and those families between L-Z should also bring a dessert. This is a good time to invite your friends to the worship service and fellowship! Please talk to Jenni Gretzinger if you have questions.

☞ **Youth Bible Study:** All youth (middle school and up) are invited to the Gretzinger's house (2607 Shannon Drive) for a time of Bible study and fellowship at 5:00 pm tonight. It was decided to meet every other Sunday evening at the Gretzinger's house.

☞ **PM Care Group:** Due to the cold temperatures this past Tuesday, PM Care Group has been rescheduled for this week Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

☞ **Stechly Baby Shower:** The ladies of Good Shepherd are hosting a baby shower for Ashley Stechly on Saturday, December 7, at 12:00 pm. Please join us at the Gretzinger's house (2607 Shannon Drive) for food, fun and fellowship celebrating Matt and Ashley's wonderful blessing! Please let Lorrie Martin, Jenni Gretzinger, or Valerie Lash know if you will be attending.

☞ **Christmas Star Presentation:** On Sunday, December 1, Bruce Hrivnak will give the presentation *The Christmas Star* at our church starting at 6 pm. There will be refreshments after the talk. There are fliers on the table in the narthex that can be used to invite your friends and neighbors.

☞ **Christmas Cookie Exchange:** Jenni Gretzinger would like to invite the woman of Good Shepherd, and any family or friends that would like to come, to join in a new tradition of fellowship. On December 21 at 12:00 o'clock, we will have a cookie exchange. Please bring 4 dozen cookies (bought or homemade) and return home with a new assortment of cookies. A soup lunch will be provided for you. Save the date for a time of meditation on the advent season and singing some carols. What a lovely way to get to know each other a little more and celebrate the birth of our King! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Hope to see you there! *Please don't let the need for 4 dozen cookies to keep you away.... bring any or none...

☞ **Cancellations:** When the weather is threatening on a Sunday morning, the elders will decide whether to hold Sunday School classes and the worship service by approximately 7:30 am. You can find out their decision by checking your email and/or by looking on the church's website. Since the greeting on the church's answering machine cannot be changed remotely, the cancellation will not be on the church's answering machine. If you do not have internet access, please let the secretary, Sandy DeGroot, know and she will make a phone call to your home approximately 8:00 a.m. to let you know of the cancellations.