

March 31st, 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God's Welcome)

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Moments of Meditation

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

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.”

Isaiah 6:3

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Hildebrand

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-5

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

PEOPLE: **Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!**

LEADER: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

PEOPLE: **Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

PEOPLE: **For He commanded and they were created.**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
`tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39
Pew Bible Page 1758



1. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have sinned in Your sight, we have
 2. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we've ne - glect - ed Your Word and the
 3. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have brok - en Your laws and in
 4. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, in Christ's death on the cross You pro -
 5. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, bid us lift up our heads and com -



all wan - dered far from Your way; we have fol - lowed de - sire, we have
 truth that would guide us a - right; we have lived in the shade of the
 con - duct have veered from the norm; we have dreamed of the good, but the
 vid - ed a cleans - ing from sin; speak the words that for - give that hence -
 mand us to rise from our knees; may our hearts now be changed and no



failed to as - pire to the vir - tue we ought to dis - play.
 dark we have made, when You willed us to walk in the light.
 good that we could we have fre - quent - ly failed to per - form.
 forth we may live by the might of Your Spir - it with - in.
 long - er es - tranged, through the pow'r of Your par - don and peace.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

No. 604 vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

New City Catechism Question # 29

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Larson

***Chorus of Preparation**

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

VERSE



1. Je - sus, — draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the
(2. Je - sus,) — guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and
(3. Let the) — treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I



storm. — You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm
sure. — When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven
go. — And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

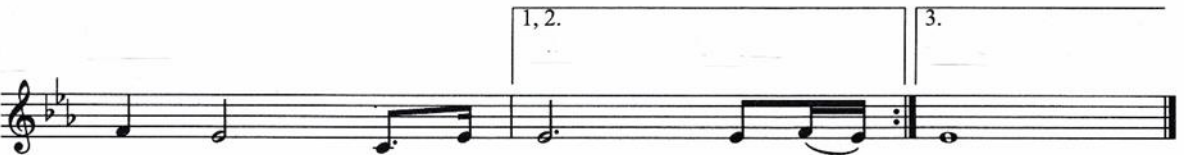
CHORUS



worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise — on wings of
more.
throne.



faith; — And at the — end of my heart's test - ing, with Your



like - ness let me wake. 2. Je - sus, — wake.
3. Let the —

1. Surrounded by Fear

2. God's Response

3. Freed to Fear

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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**

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Payne

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

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Alto Sax

Alanna Tuitman

French Horn

Becky Schoon

Viola

Alan Tuitman

Organ

Sandy Schoon

Scripture, New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Yon Lindborg, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 3/31	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
WED 4/03	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
THURS 4/04	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University Class Everyone welcome to last class
SUN 4/07	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises – Jeff & Esther Talley
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Carry-In Lunch with Talleys

Important Upcoming Events

SUN 4/14	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Missions Focus)
WED 4/24	6:30 PM	Congregational Meeting

Serving the Lord

	<i>3/31</i>	<i>4/07</i>	<i>4/14</i>
S.S. Nursery	J. Marshall	B. Schoon	L. Hrivnak
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Aaron L.	L. Hrivnak, Emily S.	D. O'Neal, Cordie A.
Greeters	DeGroot	Rogers	Sederberg
Bring Treats	J. Rogers	Schoon	Hrivnak
Server & Clean-Up	Lindborg	Schoon	Hrivnak
Audio	B. Schoon	B. Armstrong	J. Martin
Elder of the Week	Lindborg	Schoon	Stoltzfus



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st Ken Coppage	10 th Matt Stechly	11 th Lynn Marshall
16 th Luke McAuley	19 th Kenton Greene	29 th Krystal Trujillo
17 th Scott & Annmarie Severson's anniversary		

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** We welcome Pastor Curtis McDaniel to our pulpit this morning. Curtis is the Campus Pastor at Purdue University in West Lafayette. Curtis graduated with his M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary in 2009. During his time in seminary, he married Margaret whom he met through Reformed University Fellowship at University of Florida. After graduation from seminary, Curtis became the associate pastor at Grace Church of the Islands in Savannah, GA. In 2013, the Lord opened a door for Curtis and Margaret to work with RUF at Purdue University. They have three children, Anna (6) and Kate (4) and Drew (11 months). May our time together be a blessing to this church and to Pastor Curtis.

☞ **Everyone Invited to FPU's Last Class:** This Thursday, April 4th will be the final lesson in the Financial Peace University series, and it is a very powerful lesson on giving and why having control of your finances is so important. We would like to invite everyone from the congregation to join us for this important lesson (6:30-8:00 pm). If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Jason or Valerie Lash.

☞ **Missionary Visit and Carry-In Lunch on April 7:** Jeff and Esther Talley, career missionaries serving in Slovakia and formerly in Kenya, whom the church has supported for over 35 years, will be visiting next Sunday, April 7. They will lead the adult Sunday School class and Jeff will preach in the morning worship. Please plan to bring a dish to share for the carry-in lunch and time of fellowship. Families, it would be appreciated if you would bring a main dish.

☞ **The Lord's Supper:** We will not be celebrating The Lord's Supper next week since Missionary Jeff Talley will be preaching. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on April 14 when Pastor Walter Lorenz will be preaching.

☞ **Pastoral Search Committee:** The Pastoral Search Committee has met twice in March. Jerry DeGroot is the Chairman, Jason Lash is the Vice Chairman, and Melissa Stoltzfus is the Secretary. The committee will provide further updates after meetings. If you have any questions or concerns for the committee, please submit them to Melissa by text at 219-309-5092, by email at mbestoltzfus@gmail.com, or in writing, and she will forward them to all members of the committee. We appreciate your prayers during the search for a new pastor.

☞ **Committee Reports Due by April 17:** Committee chairs or someone from your committee should write up a report for the annual meeting booklet and email it to Sandy by Wednesday, April 17.

☞ **Good Friday Service:** In 2015, our Adult Choir sang the musical *We Remember Calvary* during the Good Friday service. This year, the Worship Committee is asking that you consider singing in this mini-musical by taking a book home with you and rehearsing on your own time by listening to a CD of the musical. It is an excellent musical with familiar songs: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Have Thine Own Way Lord, Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*. Your participation would be greatly appreciated! Contact Sandy DeGroot if you are interested in participating.

☞ **Easter Services:** Mark your calendar.

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 19, 6:30 pm

Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 21, 6:00 am (at Ogden Gardens)

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am (no Sunday School classes)