

March 8th, 2020

*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.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Kauflin

Welcome and Announcements

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

Moments of Meditation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Bennett

“I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.”

Psalm 34:1

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1-3

***Hymn of Praise**

How Firm A Foundation

No. 94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you: I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:1-12
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Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Heavenly Father forgive us from each and every one our sins and renew our hearts and minds that we might bring all glory and honor to you. We give in far too easily to our sinful desires. Help us to stand firm and guard our hearts from that which is impure and unholy. Make us more and more like our elder brother, Jesus Christ, and encourage us along through those ordinary means of grace that you have prescribed in your Word. Speak to us in and through your holy Scriptures, grant us mercy and peace through our prayers, and enable us to be reassured through the use of your Sacraments. Keep us ever close to you, we pray. In Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 1:4-6

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

It Is Well with My Soul

No. 691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul. **(Refrain)**

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(Refrain)**

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul. **(Refrain)**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 27 - 28

Q. 27 Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28 Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Goss

***Hymn of Preparation**

The Lord is My Shepherd



The _____ Lord is my shep - herd; no want shall I know. He
My _____ wan - der - ing steps He brings back to His way, in
Though I walk in death's val - ley, where dark - ness is near, be -
In the sight of my en' - mies a tab - le You spread. The
So _____ sure - ly Your cov - e - nant mer - cy and grace, will



makes me lie down where the green pas - tures grow; He ____
straight paths of right - eous - ness mak - ing me stay. And ____
cause You are with me, no e - vil I'll fear; Your
oil of re - joic - ing You pour on my head; My ____
fol - low me close - ly in all of my ways; I will



leads me to rest where the calm wa - ters flow.
this He has done His great name to dis - play.
rod and Your staff bring me com - fort and cheer.
cup o - ver - flows and I'm grac - cious - ly fed.
dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

Sermon

In Season and Out of Season

Luke 3:15-22
Pew Bible Page 1594

Sermon Outline

1. Letting God be God...

2. Consequences of faithfulness

3. Affirmation from above

Sermon Text for Next Sunday, March 15: Luke 3:23-4:13

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Consider Luke 3:16 in the light of Acts 2:2-4. What does the imagery of fire point us to?
2. John called upon the people to reveal true repentance by living changed lives. How far is this emphasized in Ephesians 4:28-32 and James 2:14-18?
3. Did John the Baptist face greater spiritual obstacles than we have today? Yes or No and why?
4. How does God the Father affirm Jesus Christ his only Son in v. 22? How important is it for us as Christians to be encouraging each other in our families and in our church? What are some ways that you can be doing this more?

*Hymn of Response

In Christ Alone



In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less
There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world, by dark-ness
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the
babel This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depchs of
ones He came to save. 'Till on the cross as Je-sus
grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort-
died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re-



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the depth of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

***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**

Praise Him, Praise Him

arr. Bergquist

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

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Piano

Sandy Schoon

Intercessory Prayer

Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
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| SUN 3/08 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 12:30 PM | Communicants Class |
| | 6:00 PM | Prayer Meeting – Missions Emphasis |
| MON 3/09 | 6:00 PM | Hrivnak Care Group |
| TUES 3/10 | 1:00 PM | PM Care Group |
| WED 3/11 | 9:30 AM | Ladies’ Bible Study |
| THUR 3/12 | 6:00 PM | Financial Peace University Class |
| SAT 3/14 | 8:00 AM | Men’s Bible Study |
| | 6:00 PM | Stoltzfus Care Group |
| SUN 3/15 | 9:00 AM | Opening Exercises |
| | 9:15 AM | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 12:15 PM | Schoon Care Group |
| | 5:00 PM | Youth Bible Study |

Serving the Lord

| | 3/08 | 3/15 | 3/22 |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| AM Nursery | B. Schoon, Aaron L. | V. Lash, Grayden L. | Y. Lindborg, Emily S. |
| Greeters | Lanenga | Sederberg | Stoltzfus |
| Treats | Lash | Hrivnak | Schoon |
| Serve/Cleanup | Lash | Hrivnak | Schoon |
| Audio | B. Armstrong | J. Martin | B. Schoon |
| Elder of the Week | Schoon | Stoltzfus | Lindborg |

Announcements

☞ **Prayer Meeting Tonight:** Prayer meeting will be held tonight at 6 pm. There is a special Missions emphasis and so there will be updates on the missionaries we support and prayers for their specific needs. Come spend an hour in prayer to our Lord.

☞ **Bridal Shower:** The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Kara O'Neal on Saturday, April 4, at 10 am. It will be held at our church building. Kara is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Amazon.

☞ **Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal:** There will be a rehearsal on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 pm. for those singing Easter Sunday morning.

☞ **MARS Spring Evening Class:** Andrew Compton will be teaching an evening class on Archeology on March 12, 19, & April 2 starting at 7:30 pm. The cost of these lectures is free. On-campus registration and live-stream registration can be found on their website.