

August 9, 2020

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

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Sorenson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 89:5-8

***Hymn of Praise** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief, spreading His wings to o'er-shade
thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 6:14-30

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, Help us to delight in you and to enjoy you forever. For all the treasures and delights of this world have left us empty and unfulfilled. Forgive us, we ask, for making so much of all that this world has to offer us. In you there is everlasting joy and peace. Build us up by your grace. Ignite in us a deeper desire to know you more. Drive us to your word; disciple us according to it; and continue to renew our sinful hearts. Show us your Son, Jesus, and make us more like him. Grant to us a greater measure of your grace, this week especially, that we might enjoy you, and in turn we might enjoy all the many blessings that you so generously bestow to us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalms 89:1-4

¹ I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant," ⁴ I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
2. Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;



that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
a - shamed, I hear my mocking voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and re - sur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac-com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer,



as wounds, which mar the Cho - sen One, bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life: I know that it is fin - ished.
but this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism 61-62

Q. 61 What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62 What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

- A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

Prayer of Intercession

*Hymn of Preparation

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

Sermon

Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord

Psalm 124:1-8

Guest Pastor Rev. Ted Gray

Sermon Outline

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

I. We face, as did David and Israel:

1) The hostility of the world (1-3)

2) Floods of many troubles (4-5)

3) Snares when least expected (7)

II. Our comfort is in knowing:

1) The Lord is on the side of believers (1, 2)

2) The Lord protects His people (6)

3) The Lord is the source of our help (8)

III. Our response:

1) Remember (1-5)

2) Praise (6)

3) Trust (8a)

***Hymn of Response**

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.

***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**

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord

arr. Larson

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

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Organ & Piano
Intercessory Prayer

Sandy Schoon
Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 8/9	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)
MON 8/10	6:30 PM	Hrivnak Care Group via Zoom
SUN 8/16	10:00 AM	Worship Service (also available on YouTube & Facebook)

Serving the Lord

	8/9	8/16	8/23
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	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Lindborg	Gretzinger

Announcements

- **Vacation:** Pastor Gretzinger will be on vacation from August 3 through August 17. If a need should arise, please contact your shepherding Elder or leave a message at the church office.
- **Guest Pastors:** Today we welcome retired Reverend Ted Gray to the pulpit. Reverend Gray served as pastor of the United Reformed Church and currently resides in Crown Point. Next Sunday, August 16, we will welcome Patrick Gretzinger to the pulpit. Patrick graduated in 2009 from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, with a Masters of Divinity. Since graduation, he has labored mostly in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP), a sister denomination of the PCA. For the past three years, Patrick has been working as a church planter in Miami County of Indiana at Christ Our Refuge Fellowship. A lifelong student of history, he is especially fond of 19th Century European history.
- **Email Update:** Please update your email addresses to include Yon and Alice Lindborg's new email address: yonedfarm@gmail.com.
- **Missions:** The Women's Center of NWI will be holding its annual Walk for Life and Golf 'fore' Life on Saturday, September 19. This is an easy way for you and your family to walk and save a life at the same time! Even if you can't walk on that date, you can walk on your own. The walk will take place at the Old Fairgrounds Park on McCord in Valparaiso, along with other locations in NWI. Please see the flier on the table in the narthex for more information or the Women's Center's website.
- **Offering:** Since the offering plate is not being passed at this time, please place your tithe in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter for worship. If you forget before the service, the plate will remain for a short time after the service. Otherwise, your deposit may take a week or so to process. You may also mail your tithe to the church.