

August 25th, 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.

“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.”
Psalm 37:5-6

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Larson

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:3-5

***Hymn of Praise**

Blessed Assurance

No. 693

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:17-32

Pew Bible Page 1821

Prayer of Confession

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

No. 494



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing
3. In blaz - light light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment



pray; _____ but You a - lone _____ can give us grace to
heart _____ that broods on wrongs and will not let old
know; _____ how small the debts _____ men owe to us; how
cease; _____ then, rec - on - ciled _____ to God and man our



live the words we say, _____ to live the words we say. _____
bit - ter - ness _____ de - part, _____ old bit - ter - ness _____ de - part? _____
great our debt _____ to You, _____ how great our debt _____ to You. _____
lives will spread Your peace, _____ our lives will spread Your peace.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Hebrews 10:19-22

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving


Stronger



There is Love, that came for us. Hum-bled to a sin-ner's cross. You broke my



shame, and sin - ful-ness. You rose a - gain, vic-to - ri - ous.



Faith-ful-ness none can de - ny. Through the storm, and through the fire. There is




truth that sets me free. Je-sus Christ who lives in me. You are




strong-er. You are strong-er. Sin is bro-ken, You have saved me. It is writ-ten, Christ is



ris - en. Je-sus You are Lord of _all._ No be-



gin - ning, and no end. You're my hope, and my de-fence. You came to



seek, and save the lost. You paid it all, up-on the cross. You are

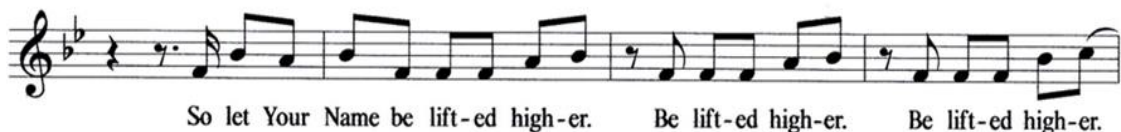
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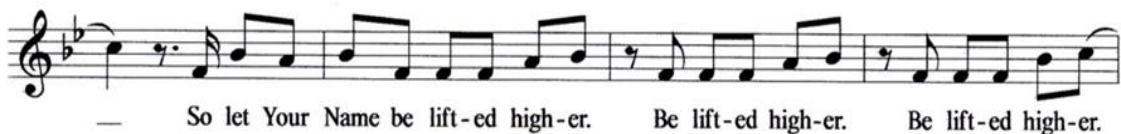
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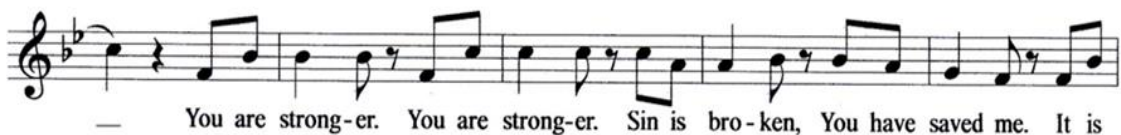
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So let Your Name be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er.



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New City Catechism Question # 50

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

It is Well With My Soul

arr. House

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

*Chorus of Preparation

The Lord is My Salvation



The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the rag-ing sea.
In times of wait-ing, times of need; When I know loss, when I am weak;



And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.



I will not fear when dark-ness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
And when I reach my fi - nal day. He will not leave me in the grave.



I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
But I will rise. He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love, My debt is paid and the



vic - t'ry won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry be to God the Fa -



- ther Glo - ry be to God, the Son. — Glo - ry be to God the Spir -



- - it. — The Lord is our sal - va - tion.

***Hymn of Response**

O Jesus I Have Promised

No. 654

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:
O shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou has promised to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

***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**

I Surrender All

arr. Hayes

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

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Piano

Denise O’Neal

Scripture Reading

Lucy Hrivnak

New City Catechism & Intercessory Prayer

Nelson Schoon, Elder

Serving the Lord

| | 8/25 | 9/01 | 9/08 |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| S.S. Nursery | ----- | ----- | L. Hrivnak |
| AM Nursery | B. Hrivnak, Alanna T. | F. Armstrong, Cordie A. | B. Hrivnak, Emily S. |
| Greeters | Lanenga | J. Faber | Stoltzfus |
| Treats | ----- | ----- | Schoon |
| Serve/Cleanup | ----- | ----- | Schoon |
| Audio | B. Armstrong | J. Martin | B. Schoon |
| Elder of the Week | Schoon | Lindborg | Hrivnak |

Weekly Calendar

DATE

TIME

EVENT

SUN 8/25

10:30 AM

Worship Service

TUES 8/27

7:00 PM

Ministry Chairs Meeting

SUN 9/01

10:30 AM

Worship Service

Important Upcoming Events

SUN 9/08

8:45 AM

Sunday School Classes Begin

Announcements

☞ **Guest Pastor:** Our guest pastor today is Dr. Cornelius Venema. Dr. Venema serves as President of Mid America Reformed Seminary in addition to his systematic theology teaching responsibilities at the seminary. Next week we welcome Pastor Hans Deutschmann to our pulpit. Pastor Hans was the Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland, MI, but is now honorably retired. We pray for God's blessing on these pastors as they bring us God's Word.

☞ **New Pastor:** We praise God for answered prayers as we have received an acceptance letter from Andrew Gretzinger to be our new pastor. The Gretzingers are very excited to become a part of our church family and by the unanimous vote at the congregational meeting on Wednesday, the congregation has also indicated their support of Andrew and his family. Andrew will now need to be examined by our presbytery. More details will follow regarding a specific date for the Installation Service. To God be the glory!

☞ **Ministry Chairs Meeting:** Chairpersons and/or other designated members are requested to please attend this meeting scheduled for this Tuesday, August 27, at 7 pm. The goal is to communicate, coordinate, and plan together upcoming ministry activities. This is especially important as fall activities are being planned! Each committee should have 1-2 representatives at the meeting.

☞ **Sunday School Resumes September 8:** There will be 2 adult classes.

* *Foundations of the Christian Faith* - Topics will include the Bible, God, man, Christ, living the Christian life, the church, sharing the faith. For those who want to strengthen the foundations and for those who want to explore church membership. Taught by Bruce Hrivnak

* *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. Twenty-two lessons for Bible studies on the gospel of Matthew. Taught by Bruce Stoltzfus

☞ **Teacher / Substitute Teachers Needed:** Sunday School will resume on September 8 with a light breakfast from 8:45 – 9:15 am to start off the new year. Because of the breakfast, we will not have opening exercises that day. Also, please contact Lorrie Martin (219) 210-8871 or Melissa Stoltzfus (219) 309-5092 if you are interested in serving as a teacher or substitute for Sunday School for the upcoming year.

☞ **Host a Guest Pastor:** “Thanks” to all those families who have hosted a guest pastors while we have been vacant. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those interested in a hosting a guest pastor for lunch after the morning worship service throughout Sundays in September. Please consider this opportunity to become acquainted with these pastors.