

**Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**Worship Presider: Elder Eric Bancroft**

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **Call to Worship**

**Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

### **God is Faithful (Psalm 114)**

God brought out His people with a strong and mighty hand  
Took them out of slavery to behold the Promised Land  
Mountains fled before them and the seas turned back and ran  
And they saw that He was good  
*God is faithful to His promise  
He is with us, He is with us  
God is faithful, God is faithful to His own*

God has come to free us from the bondage of our sin  
Tasting of His kindness we cannot go back again  
Leads us through the desert to the rivers of His grace  
Working all things for our good   *Chorus*

We have known Your mercy and Your love as in the past  
If days be few or many You will guide us to the last  
You have said it, we believe it, every promise holding fast  
For we know that You are good   *Chorus*

*You are faithful to Your promise, You are with us, You are with us  
You are faithful, You are faithful to Your own.*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

*We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.*

## ***Recount the Wonders of His Mercy***

### **Call to Confession**

**Isaiah 30:1, 9, 12-13, 15**

“Ah, stubborn children,” declares the LORD, “who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; for they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD”; therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant”; for thus said the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength,” but you were unwilling.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(from *Prone to Wander*)**

Holy One,

We confess that we are people who do not trust you. We are stubborn and rebellious, habitually unwilling to hear your loving, Fatherly instruction. We have repeatedly despised your words, and have even despised your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, pursuing him to death. We have carried out our own plans for our lives, disregarding your loving plan, or treating it as second best when that plan involves pain or not getting what we want. When we suffer, we lose confidence that you love us and experience spiritual amnesia, living as orphans. We have trusted in our desires for physical and emotional comfort, approval from others, health, wealth, success or intimacy. We have relied on the perverseness of abusing food, drink, sexuality, or other people to bring us peace. We often do not return to you; we frequently do not rest in you; we seldom are quiet before you; and we consistently do not trust you. Please help us in our helplessness, Lord!

Dear Jesus, what a specific, staggering, atoning love you have shown us in the midst of our weakness. On our behalf, you flawlessly trusted your Father. You relied perfectly on his Spirit, and were willing to obey every element of every law, command, and instruction. Your love for us and your trust of your Father caused you to be silent before your false accusers, enduring torturous punishment for sins you did not commit. The sins you were dying for were ours, and we are eternally, deeply grateful for this inconceivable act of love. Because you took on our sin, becoming an orphan as you were abandoned by your Father, we will never be orphans again. Our sins, though like scarlet, are now as white as snow before the judgment seat, washed in the cleansing, healing stream of the blood drawn from your veins.

Help us, our Father, to trust you in the midst of this earthly life. We grow weary, and our strength is small as we fight against the sin in our hearts and in the hearts of others. Help us to find our all in all in no less than Jesus Christ himself. Cause us to live so that others would see that the strength to trust you could never come from us. Help us to sing salvation songs at the midnight of our sufferings. Awaken us to trust you in the midst of this prison of sinful flesh, and remind us that our freedom has fully and finally been bought by the precious blood of Jesus. In his name we pray, amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 30:18, 29**

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

### **Lift High the Name of Jesus**

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.  
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.  
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.  
*Oh sing my soul, and tell all he's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,  
That all who see him shine through us; might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.  
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. *Chorus*

### **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

## ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

### **Scripture Reading**

### **2 Chronicles 29:1-11**

Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. <sup>2</sup> And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

<sup>3</sup> In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. <sup>4</sup> He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east <sup>5</sup> and said to them, "Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place. <sup>6</sup> For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the LORD our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD and turned their backs. <sup>7</sup> They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. <sup>8</sup> Therefore the wrath of the LORD came on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes. <sup>9</sup> For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. <sup>10</sup> Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, in order that his fierce anger may turn away from us. <sup>11</sup> My sons, do not now be negligent, for the LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him and to be his ministers and make offerings to him."

### **Sermon**

### **"Restoration of Temple Worship"**

Rev. Robert Schmidtberger

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of this song.)*

### **Living Waters**

Are you thirsty, Are you empty  
Come and drink these Living Waters  
Time unbroken, Peace unspoken  
Rest beside these Living Waters

Christ is calling, Find refreshing  
At the cross of Living Waters  
Lay your life down  
On Thee, all come  
Rise up in these Living Waters

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of Living Waters*

Spirit moving, Mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
Life is in these Living Waters *Refrain*

Are you thirsty, Are you empty  
Come and drink these Living Waters  
Love, forgiveness, Vast and boundless  
Christ, He is our Living Water *Refrain*

## ***Receive the Gifts of His Grace***

### **The Lord's Supper**

*All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate.*

### ***Song of Preparation:***

#### **A Debtor to Mercy Alone**

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing.  
I come with your righteousness on, my humble offering to bring.  
The judgments of your holy law with me can have nothing to do,  
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which your goodness began the arm of your strength will complete.  
Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.  
The future or things that are now, no power below or above,  
Can make you your purpose forego or sever my soul from your love.

My name from the palms of your hands eternity will not erase,  
Impressed on your heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.  
Yes I, to the end will endure until I bow down at your throne:  
Forever and always secure, forever and always secure,  
Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### ***Song of Response:***

#### **Oh For a Thousand Tongues**

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

I felt my Lord's atoning blood close to my soul applied;  
Me, me he loved, the Son of God, for me, for me he died!

See all your sins on Jesus laid: the Lamb of God was slain,  
His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.

Harlots and publicans and thieves in holy triumph join!  
Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

#### **Benediction**

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