

The Lord's Day, January 14, 2024

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
Isaiah 25:9*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Lamentations 3:22-26

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;

People: great is your faithfulness.

Minister: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

People: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Minister: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Unison: Come, let us praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (No. 57, Tune: "Ode to Joy")

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning,
and his purposes shall end.

2 Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression,
righteousness he will maintain.

3 Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.

4 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
through all ages he is King;
unto him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.

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*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Heavenly Father, my faith is in you, my expectations are from you, my love goes out toward you. I believe you, accept your Word, yield to your will, rely on your promises, and trust in your providence. I do not need signs and wonders to believe, for your Word is sure truth. I have cast my anchor in the port of your peace, knowing that the present and future are in your nail-pierced hands. You are so good, wise, just, and holy, that no mistake is possible to you. You are the fountain of all law; what you command is mine to obey. I yield to your sovereignty all that I am and have; do with me as you will. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Adapted from "Repose" in *The Valley of Vision*

***Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 28**

Minister: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

People: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri (Tune: "Regent Square")**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit, God Almighty, Three in One!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to him alone.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 130

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Minister: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Minister: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Minister: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

People: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

***Hymn of Response: "My Hope Is in the Lord" (No. 523)**

1 My Hope is in the Lord,
who gave Himself for me
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary

Refrain

For me He died; For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

2 No merit of my own
His anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness

3 And now for me He stands
before the Father's throne;
He shows His wounded hands and names me as His own.

4 His grace has planned it all,
'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

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Public Confession

Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you have done at the cross? Therefore, in humility and hope, we trust you to look upon us as we are--united to our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. For His sake, forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your voice of comfort: "Blessed indeed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose iniquity is covered." For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

(I Peter 1:3-4)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "O Father, You Are Sovereign" (No. 75)**

1 O Father, you are sovereign
in all the worlds you made;
your mighty word was spoken
and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses
and stills the tempests' roar.

2 O Father, you are sovereign
in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness
can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
supreme in time and space,
you hold your trusting children
secure in your embrace.

3 O Father, you are sovereign
the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows
to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling,
as none but Conqu'ror could,
your love pursues its purpose —
our souls' eternal good.

4 O Father, you are sovereign!
We see you dimly now,
but soon before your triumph
earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us
our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior,
we trust and worship you!

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Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Luke 2:22-40**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Wondrous Work of Waiting" (Rev. Michael Glodo)

***Hymn of Response and Preparation: "We Rest on Thee" (No. 449)**

1 We rest on thee - our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."

2 Yea, "in thy name," O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name, all other names above;
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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3 "We go" in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day thy grace to know:
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."

4 "We rest on thee" - our shield and our defender!
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise;
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors - we rest with thee, through endless days.
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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is anyone with whom you are not at peace with so far as it depends on you (Rom. 12:18), please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.

The bread is gluten free.

*Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.*

*Departing Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (SH No. 10)

1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

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*Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

If you would like someone to pray with you,
an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary
following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **2024 Bible Reading Plan**

We invite you to join us in reading through the Bible in 2024. Copies of the reading plan are available in the narthex.

➤ **Women's Bible Study**

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study, beginning January 25 and ending March 28. We will be studying *Better* by Jen Wilkin. In this study of Hebrews, we will learn how Christ is the substance of the shadowy truths of the Old Testament, especially Exodus, which we just finished. Discover how he fulfills and completes the work of angels, prophets, priests, and ceremonial laws, establishing a better covenant. Hebrews calls us to fix our gaze on the resurrected Christ as we run the race set before us. In Him alone we have hope and salvation.

Study books may be found on the book table for \$25 each. You may deposit cash or a check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. Please complete Lesson One prior to the first session. Thanks! Bring a friend or two!

➤ **Men's Fellowship Time**

Men's Fellowship Time is every **Wednesday at 7:00 AM** at Nettie's Roadside Restaurant, 2555 27th Ave Suite G-6 in Vero Beach.

➤ **Support Care Net**

January is Sanctity of Life Month. To show our support of Care Net during this month, we'll be collecting diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6) and baby wipes. There will be a pack-n-play in the narthex throughout the month of January for your donations. Care Net runs out of diapers almost every month, so our help with this makes a big difference!

➤ **Care Net Event**

Care Net is hosting an event on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 PM. Watch an exclusive video on today's prenatal breakthroughs that save babies in the womb by Dr. William Lile--they're doing open heart surgery on babies still in the womb! Come watch a fascinating presentation and hear updates about the ministry of Care Net! Together we are changing lives for God's glory!

The event will be held at Oceans Unite Church in the Mall (6200 20th St, Suite 248, Vero Beach, FL 32966). It is a free event and dessert will be provided afterwards. More info online at carenetchampions.org/sohl.