

**The Lord's Day, April 21, 2024**  
**10:30 AM Morning Service**

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
Isaiah 55:10-11*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Voluntary for Silent Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship: John 1:1-14**

**Minister:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made....

**People:** **He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him....But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God....**

**Unison:** **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration: "Across the Lands" (Insert)**

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

**CHORUS**

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry;  
With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free!  
  
With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation,  
You are leading sinners home!

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**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

**Gracious Father, with Peter we cry out, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." We thank you for your Son! For in a world of created changeable things, Christ and his Word remain unshaken. Father, you who have the hearts of all men in your hand, form our hearts according to your unchanging Word, according to the image of your eternal, perfect Son. And may Christ the Word, and his Word, be our strength and comfort. In his name we come to you. Amen.**

**\*Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 1.4**

Minister: What do you believe concerning the Holy Scriptures?

People: **The authority of the Holy Scripture, because of which it ought to be believed and obeyed, does not depend upon the testimony of any man or church, but entirely upon God, its author (who is truth itself); therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.**

Unison: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria (Tune: Lauda Anima)**

**Glory to you, God the Father; glory to you, God the Son;  
Glory to you, Holy Spirit; ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:1-9**

**Hymn of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (No. 585)**

1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing,  
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

**The Prayers of Intercession**

Unison: **Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Minister: Father, we pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. We pray especially for the Mahands in England, the Mays in Peru, the Lees with RUF, and the Mugaris in Zimbabwe.

People: **We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, that they would govern according to your truth, and especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and defenseless.**

Minister: We pray for the world, especially that you would bring peace and justice and deliverance to nations and peoples oppressed by war, by disaster, by tyranny, and by evil. We pray for our brothers and sisters in these places as they offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

Unison **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Silent Intercession**

## Pastoral Prayer

### Words of Encouragement

Minister: What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?

Romans 8:31; Psalm 118:6

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "How Firm a Foundation" (No. 94)

1 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?

2 "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.

3 "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.

4 "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.

5 "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.

6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

## Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

### \*Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

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

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### \*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 10:1-4

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!**

### \*Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon: "The Commissioning of the Apostles" (Rev. Seth Wallace)**

**\*Hymn of Response: "O God beyond All Praising" (No. 660)**

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **Collecting Games for Care Net**

Isabelle McShea's American Heritage Girls troop is collecting new and/or gently used games for Care Net. If you have collected games, please be sure to deliver them to Isabelle today. The games need to be appropriate for children. Puzzles, card games, board games, and outdoor games are welcome. If you bring a used game, please ensure that no pieces are missing or damaged. Thank you!

➤ **Fellowship Luncheon**

Everyone is invited to an international luncheon following the worship service today.

➤ **Jess Krall Memorial Service**

There will be a memorial service for Jess Krall on **Friday, April 26, at 11:00 AM.**

➤ **Orphaned Dishes**

There are several dishes left over from various fellowship meals on the kitchen counter. Some of them may be used as serving dishes for the meal today. If one or more belongs to you, please remember to take it/them home with you. All homeless dishes will be taken to the Women's Refuge Resale next month. Thank you.

➤ **Piano**

If you've appreciated having the new piano during our worship service and would like to participate in its purchase with a donation over and above your regular giving, you may designate your gift as "piano." Thank you!

➤ **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.