

THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Peace Burroughs

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 135

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise him, you servants of the Lord!

People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his Name, for that is pleasant.

Leader: Your Name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, through all generations.

People: For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 389 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Our Father, we confess that we are an impatient people. We do not like to wait. We do not like things that are slow and difficult. We certainly do not like to endure suffering, hardship, or your corrective hand, especially when the lessons you teach us take time to master. Forgive us for our worship of the quick and easy, and enable us to wait well upon our Savior. Strengthen our faith in the One who will come again in glory, and guide our steps as we wait upon you. For we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:27-28

LEADER: Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 40

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY It Is Well with My Soul Bliss/Walz

*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:7-12

*HYMN 486 God, Be Merciful to Me

SERMON WHEN WAITING IS HARD
Luke 7:18-35
Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 347 The Church's One Foundation

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Processional in C Hopson

**Congregation standing*

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders – Ken Markwalter, John Rohrman
Musician - Helen Ro
Audio/Visual Technicians - Steve Bikle, Jeff Carrier

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This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24

1. This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the hours his own;
 2. To-day he rose and left the dead, and Sa-tan's em-pire fell;
 3. Ho-san-na to th'a-noint-ed King, to Da-vid's ho-ly Son!
 4. Blest be the Lord, who comes to men with mes-sag-es of grace;
 5. Ho-san-na in the high-est strains the church on earth can raise!

let heav'n re-joice, let earth be glad, and praise sur-round the throne.
 to-day the saints his tri-umphs spread, and all his won-ders tell.
 • Help us, O Lord; de-scend and bring sal-va-tion from the throne.
 who comes in God his Fa-ther's name to save our sin-ful race.
 The high-est heav'ns in which he reigns shall give him no-ble praise.

Based on Psalm 118
Isaac Watts, 1719ARLINGTON C.M.
Thomas A. Arno, 1762
Arr. by Ralph Harrison, 1784

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God, Be Merciful to Me

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer-ci-ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press;
 3. I am e-vil, born in sin; thou de-sir-est truth with-in.
 4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg-ment just,

plen-teous in com-pas-sion thou, blot out my trans-gres-sions now;
 I have sinned a- gainst thy grace and pro-voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a-lone my Sav-ior art, teach thy wis-dom to my heart;
 let my con-trite heart re-joice and in glad-ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with-in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con-fess thy judg-ment just, speech-less, I thy mer-cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be-stow, wash me whit-er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.

From Psalm 51:1-15
The Psalter, 1912REDHEAD 76 7.7.7.7.7.
Richard Redhead, 1853

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The Church's One Foundation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

1. The church-'s one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won-der men see her sore op-pressed,
 4. The church shall nev-er per-ish! Her dear Lord to de-fend,

she is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the Word;
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 to guide, sus-tain, and cher-ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride;
 one ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-'ry grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song,
 a- gainst or foe or trai-tor she ev-er shall pre-vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.8.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are hoping to begin two new online Bible studies in June (morning and evening), utilizing material from Precept Ministries. Each study will run for five weeks and train you to not only interpret the passage at hand, but other sections of God's word as well. Please follow the link in *Covenant Update* for more information about the study's format and possible meeting times. If interested, please contact Pastor Jim by May 29.

If you or a loved one from Covenant are celebrating a graduation this year from high school, college, graduate, trade, or professional school, please contact the church office by June 9 so that we may give proper recognition during the worship service on June 14.

Please note that our normally scheduled Vacation Bible School will not take place as usual but stay tuned for VBS alternative plans and use this opportunity to pray for our VBS and those involved with planning, organizing, and executing the program.

If you have an email address but are not receiving our bi-weekly *Covenant Update* newsletters, check your "spam" folder or contact the church office. Conversely, if you do not have email but would like to receive the newsletters, please let us know and we can mail printed copies to you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND PRAISE

Health Related

Winnie Bikle
Ethel Castor
Rich Fisher
Poke and Peg Hasson
Denis Stager

Expecting

Kendall Dietterich
Nancy Hillman
Caroline Smith
Christine Verbasselt

Grieving

Dietterich Family
Hillman Family
Phillips Family

Missions

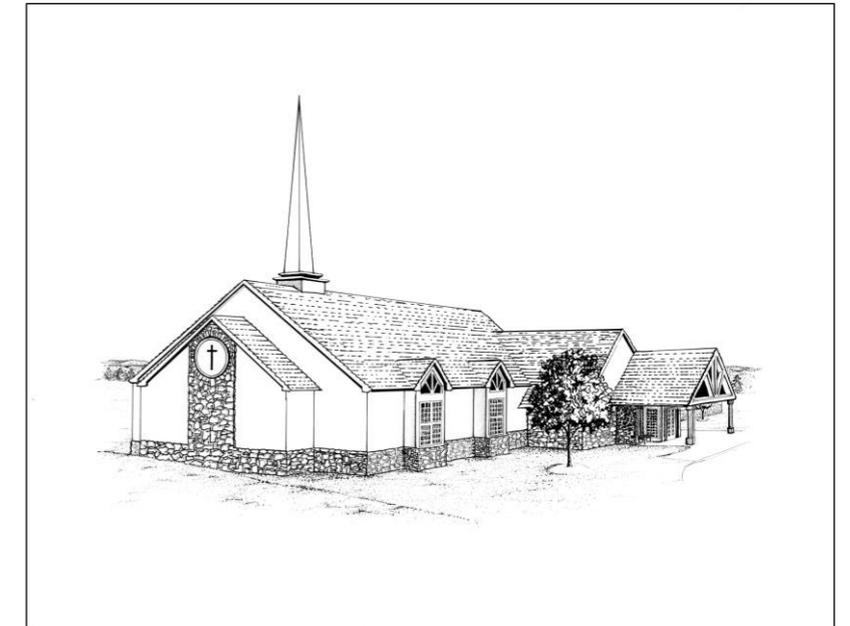
John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country. They report being safe and healthy in the midst of the pandemic. John and Sandy's son and daughter have been staying with John's parents in Tennessee since Grove City College went online in March. While it has been difficult to be apart, they are thankful for the extra time they have had with extended family.

In February, the second annual conference was held for El Soora, their nationally led ministry dedicated to Reformed teaching. This year's conference, "The Anchor of our Salvation," addressed the subject of Assurance.

Despite the curfew in effect since late March in their country, God has opened doors among their neighbors and abroad. Zoom technology has provided a surprising opportunity for Christians in other countries to worship together. Pray for the impact of these meetings and the wisdom to use this technology wisely in the future.

John's office went online from home in mid-March, and they have stayed busy publishing relevant resources and materials. Because of a relationship with Desiring God Ministries, they were asked to translate John Piper's recent book "Coronavirus and Christ" into Arabic. Pray that God will use these materials to His glory as people try to make sense of this pandemic.

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is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*