



The Lord's Day ~ February 14, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Philippians 3:7

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for Christ.

Seeking God's Blessing upon Our Worship

* Praising God in Song

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
 Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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 Traditional Irish melody
 harm. OPC/URCNA 2016
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We believe that Jesus Christ, God’s beloved Son and our Redeemer,

¹⁵is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things
whether on earth on in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.

Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

Adapted from a Prayer by Robert Hawker

Jesus, Savior, have mercy upon me! As you yourself have said, I am poor, wretched, empty, blind and naked; and only you—by your constant supply of grace—can make me rich in salvation, can cover my shame, and can enable me to see things aright. You know I cannot live upon the spiritual blessings of yesterday, anymore than my body can stay healthy with the food I ate many days in the past. But because I am yours and you are mine, I come to you now for a new supply of your fullness, and surely you will not send me away empty.

Lord, I rejoice that I feel my poverty and need—that way, as an empty vessel, I am ready to receive your abundant goodness. And so, have compassion, blessed Jesus, upon my poor, hungry soul. Then I will celebrate that my emptiness and longing pushed me to seek you, and that my need gave you an opportunity to display your grace. As long as you receive glory through me by showing your love and giving out of your riches, then I will boast even in my weaknesses, that your sufficient grace, O Christ, may rest upon me. Indeed, my God, I am most full when most empty, for your power is made perfect in my weakness.

Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the L

Voice

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

7 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and

15 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

“Lessons from a Fallen Leader”

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Matthew has been building anticipation in us for Peter’s predicted fall; what lessons should you learn from this incident?

Apart from the grace of Jesus, your strengths will become weaknesses.

Fear can take you to places you never imagined.

Even when Jesus' word hurts, it is not intended to harm but to help.

Bitter tears often open the way to sweet restoration.

Confessing Our Sin to God

Our gracious God and heavenly Father, we confess that we have acted as though ashamed to be your people. The pressures in our culture and the mockery of our generation have compelled us to keep our faith behind closed doors. When people laugh at us or even pity us because we love Jesus, our hearts tremble, revealing how much we care about the opinions of others. We are far from embracing Christ's cross as a necessary part of following him, for we have assumed that while Jesus suffered at the hands of evil-doers, we have the right to live in easy comfort.

Forgive us for misunderstanding Christian discipleship in a fallen world; do not hold our lack of confidence in your care against us; and wash away the guilt of our silence when we should have spoken out against unrighteousness and for the Gospel of grace. Do not count such sin against us for the sake of Christ, who died in our place on the cross and lives to bring us into eternal life. Provide us now such empowering by your Spirit that doubt would give way to confidence, and closed lips would be opened to confess Christ as the only redeemer of your people. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

God Forgives by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

Mark 16:5-7

⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

* Responding to God's Grace in Song

Jesus Is Mine

♩ = 92

E^b Cm(sus4) Cm A^b E^b E^b

1. Fade, fade, each earth - ly joy; Je - sus is mine. Strong - er than
 2. In days of fra - gile peace, Je - sus is mine. Through tear - ful
 3. When on that fi - nal day, Je - sus is mine; Be - fore his

Cm(sus4) Cm A^b(add2) E^b/B^b B^b E^b Fm⁹ Cm(sus4) Cm Fm⁹

flet - ing hopes, Je - sus is mine. Dark is the wild - er - ness, Earth has no
 nights of grief, Je - sus is mine. His voice com mands the storm, His pres-ence
 rad - iant face, Je - sus is mine. Safe in his arms I'll cling, Prai - sing my

E^b(add2) E^b/G A^b Gm Cm A^b(add2) E^b/B^b B^b 1. E^b

rest - ing place, Je - sus a - lone can bless; Je - sus is mine.
 stills my soul, He will sus - tain my hope; Je - sus is
 Sa - vior King, For - ev - er - more I'll sing: "Je - sus is

2, 3. E^b A^b E^b Cm B^b

mine. Je - sus is mine, Je - sus is mine,
 mine."

Cm B^b(sus4) B^b A^b B^b Cm A^b(add2) E^b/B^b B^b E^b

When all else fails, He still re - mains; Je - sus is mine!

* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

*Please stand if able

Announcements

- After worship, enjoy fellowship downstairs, and then join us at 11:20 for Sunday School. The Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Elementary Class (led by Amy Pisani) in Rm 102, the Middle School Class (led by Kurt Schumacher) in Rm 209, and the High School Class (led by Eric Runion) in Rm 300. Masks are needed while moving around the building, but may be removed when seated. Adult Sunday School is currently a **Sermon Forum**, during which the elders will lead a discussion to deepen our understanding & application of the sermon scripture passage.
- Please join us at 6 PM for our online Sunday Evening Devotional. Tonight we'll be studying 2 Timothy 2:20-26 on the theme "Useful to the Lord".
- **Kids' Club (K to 6th grade) & Youth Group (7th to 12th grade)** meet this Wednesday from 7 to 8.
- **Outreach Work Day:** This coming Friday, February 19 (winter break) there will be an opportunity for adults and kids to do lots of hands-on work for our outreach ministries. Please join us in Rm.108 from 11:00 to 2:00pm (pizza will be served for lunch)! Also, we need empty toilet paper rolls, so please collect them and bring them to church or get them to Jan. If you plan to attend, please let Jan know by Wednesday the 17th.
- Ladies, Save the Date! The PNYNE's **Virtual Women's Retreat 2021** is planned for Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th. Guest Speaker Robyn Huck will offer a 3-part series, "The Comfort Zone" based on 2 Cor. 1:7-- "Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort." A plan is also being made for the ladies of Cornerstone to interact & fellowship locally during this time as well. More information & registration materials will be available soon.
- Helping with this morning's service are: Julie Runion (accompanist), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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