

Morning Worship

August 8, 2010

The Session is again pleased to welcome Rev. Allen Curry to our pulpit today. Please take the time to meet and greet him and his wife, Marilyn.

Also, let Session know about any concerns you may have that may impact Session's desire to hire Rev. Curry as our interim pastor for at least the next six months. Please be advised that this decision will not have a negative impact on the current search for a permanent pastor.

We are thankful to God for Rev. Curry and his willingness to serve us in our time of need.

Welcome

Preparation— Rev. Steve Hake

Prelude

Praise

Call to Worship— Psalm 5

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

People: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

All: For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Hymn of Praise— And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

Chords: G, Am/C, D7, G, G7, Am/C, D7

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

Chords: G, D/A, A7, D, G/D, D, G

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

Chords: D, C, G, G/D, D7, G, D, G

C A' D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D7

die for me? How can it
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love!
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love!
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love!
 Christ, my own. How

G F C G Am/C G/D D7 G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Adoration

This Fathomless Love

Lord, what moved your heart to love lowly man
Before any star could herald your praise?
And why did you come abasing yourself
Veiled in a robe of frail human clay?
Why would you, the pure, give your life for the vile
The innocent seeking the guilty to be reconciled?

*I can't comprehend this fathomless love.
I'm gripped and amazed at what you have done.
Why would the adored become the despised?
To bear all the furious wrath that was mine?
How awesome this mystery of your fathomless love for me.*

Why would you adopt and take as your own
Those who had crushed your one precious Son?
Why mercy and grace towards your enemies?
Your name they have cursed and your throne they have shunned.
O how could you choose to show kindness to these?
The ones who would mock you and hate you.
The ones just like me.

Your Hand Upon Me

O Lord, you have searched me
And you know my ways
You perceive all my thoughts from afar
Your hand is upon me wherever I go
Before I form each word you already know

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn, you are there
If I rest on the far side of the sea, your love hems me in
Both behind and before
You have laid your hand upon me
You have laid your hand upon me*

Where can I flee from your presence O Lord
If I sleep in the depths you are there
Your day will consume all the shadows of night

Words of Encouragement— 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Songs of Praise

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your reknown,
Your blood has saved us so we pray, Your Kingdom come.”

*Let your kingdom come, let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
'til Your sovereign work on earth is done...Let your kingdom come.*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

Glorious and Mighty

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars.
Marveling, we honor and fear You above all gods.

*Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty
Joyful songs we raise.
Glorious and mighty,
You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised*

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens,
Your decrees can never be changed.
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign. (CHORUS)

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds.
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God. (CHORUS)

Missions Moment

Congregational Prayer

Commitment

Sermon Text— 1 Timothy 3:1-16

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. ⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Sermon— The Church: The Pillar of Truth

~Rev. Allen Curry

Offertory— Let Your Kingdom Come

Closing Hymn— The Church's One Foundation

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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,

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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.

Benediction

Postlude