

Morning Worship

August 29, 2010

Welcome

Preparation— Jim Seiler

Prelude

Praise

Call to Worship— Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; ho seek the LORD rejoice.

All: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Song of Praise— How Firm a Foundation

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?
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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.
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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.
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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.
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

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.
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration— I Will Rejoice in the Lord

Lord, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.
Renew them in our day,
In our time make them known;
In wrath remember mercy.

*And I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
I will rejoice in the Lord! Again I say rejoice!
I will rejoice in the Lord! I will rejoice in the Lord!*

Though the fig tree does not bud
And there're no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails
And the fields produce no food,
Though there're no sheep in the pen,
And no cattle in the stalls.

Yet I will rejoice...

Lord, in your presence who can stand?
My deeds before you are as filthy rags.
There's nothing I can bring
but a heart full of sin.
Yet through the mercy of Your Son
I can enter in.

So I will rejoice...

Silent Prayer of Adoration

Renewal

Scripture Reading— Joel 2:12-13 (NIV)

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

All: *For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.*

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—

All: *For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.*

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

All: *For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-pity, and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love.*

All: *Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts.*

Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, to be transformed into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory. Take away our mourning and give us music; remove our sackcloth and give us your beauty. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement— Psalm 103:11-13 (NIV)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Songs of Praise

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
The dark cannot hide from your brilliant light.

Praise His Holy Name

Cover me with the blood of the Lamb
On my own, I can't stand.
Cleanse my heart and make it pure.
Give me strength to persevere.

Sing to the Lord. Praise his holy name.

I will exalt you, you have heard my cry.

In your light, my sins you reveal.
By your perfect love I'm healed
In my heart, I trust in you
Lord, you are my strength and shield.

Grace alone made me your choice
In my heart I will rejoice
From the pit you rescued me
Forever Lord, I will give thanks!

Missions Moment

Congregational Prayer

Commitment

Sermon Text— 1 Peter 2:4-12

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Sermon— The Church: A Spiritual House

~Rev. Allen Curry

Offertory

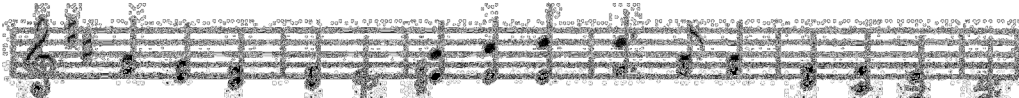
Closing Hymn— Great Is Thy Faithfulness



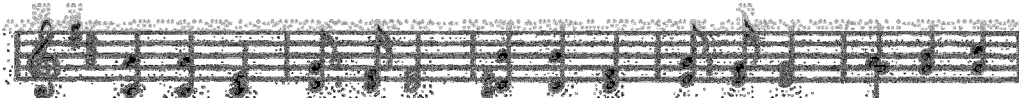
1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, mine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee, thou chang - est not, thy coun -
 sel in their coun - sel as a dove, join with all na - ture in
 pre - sen - ce to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pos - sions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be,
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morn - ing now, mer - cy! I need all I have need - ed of thy hand that pro -



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Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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 William M. Runyan, 1923

Benediction

Postlude