

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020
9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall

Words of Preparation

The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the LORD with one voice. They lifted up their voices, accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD:

For He is good; His loving devotion endures forever.”

Then the temple, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud so that the priests could not stand there to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. II Chronicles 5:13

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Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s temple dwells in you? II Corinthians 3:16

Welcome Dr. Miller, Sarah Savage (Director of Children’s Ministries)

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

God exalted His Son to the highest place and gave Him the name above all names --that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords. What a beautiful name it is!

Songs of Praise What a Beautiful Name

Jennifer Burlison, cello Jaclyn Metcalf, vocals, Eric Baird, worship leader

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is. Nothing compares to this; what a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now.

What a wonderful Name it is. What a wonderful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a wonderful Name it is. Nothing compares to this; what a wonderful Name it is; The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival. You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the glory. Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is. What a powerful Name it is; the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is. Nothing can stand against what a powerful Name it is; The Name of Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst; I worship You. I worship You. You are here, working in this place; I worship You. I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching every heart; I worship You. I worship You. You are here, healing every heart; I worship You. I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You. I worship You. You are here mending every heart; I worship You. I worship You. *Refrain*

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop; You never stop working. You never stop; You never stop working. *Refrain*

First Reading Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Confession and Promise of Forgiveness

Affirmation of Faith (The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1)

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Time with Young Disciples

Courtaney Miller

Response of Gratitude

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, 'til from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word. From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost. To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath, 'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *Refrain*

The Second Reading Daniel 12:2-3, John 11:17-27, 38-44

The Sermon Jesus and the Resurrection of Lazarus Professor Jerry McCoy,
University of Tulsa, Physics Department

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Response There is a Name

There is a name Who reigns without contention, Whose power can't be questioned or contained; with humble fame He rules the earth and heavens; His glory knows no measure or refrain and it's bursting past the border lines of space.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts! Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all! There is a name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters back to Him, and as He saves we can hear the roar of Heaven, as prodigals are coming home again! Oh, the triumph of His name will never end!

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts! Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all! Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts! Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all --for every eye will see, every heart will know,

There is no name above the name of Jesus, death could not hold Him down; no grave could keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus --for every eye will see every heart will know. There is no name above!

The name of Jesus, death could not hold Him down; no grave could keep Him bound. All sin and sickness bow, to the name of Jesus, to the name of Jesus, to the name of Jesus!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness; whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory; The King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder; who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; The King above all kings.

This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love; that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You would lay down Your life that I would be set free; Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order; who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory; The King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice; shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory; The King above all kings. *Refrain*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *Refrain*

Benediction

Message from the Pastor:
JD Miller

It's in the very the DNA of the Christian community to gather for worship --at least once a week, usually Sunday mornings. To be absent from worship --to dismiss it as unnecessary (as some do)-- is to misunderstand the mysterious dynamic of blessing and nourishment that Jesus, the Lord of the Church, promises those who gather.

Worship is for our good. It provides an infusion of spiritual strength and blessing, straight from the Lord himself. The writer to the Hebrews puts it this way: "Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together." (Hebrews 11:25)

So the idea of closing the doors of the Church seems antithetical to everything we hold true about Christ's community. Christians yearn to draw close, to congregate, to embrace, to hold hands in prayer, to share the bread and the cup at the Lord's table ---and the list goes on.

We strain against the very notion of "Social Distancing".

But the historic Church would remind us that "Social Distancing" is often the best we can do against certain enemies. German Christians were forced to go underground during the worst days of the Nazi regime. The underground Chinese church is vast and extensive ---for similar reasons. These enemies were visible.

The coronavirus is an unseen enemy. It can spread quickly from person to person, and presents many hazards to the health of those who can least afford to become ill. So we have decided to close our doors (not our hearts!) for a season of time.

But there is no cause for fear. Vigilance, yes. Intentional planning, yes. Considering how to make the best of this time, yes. But fear, no.

About this the Scriptures are quite clear:

The Lord is near. Be anxious in nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:5-7

Meanwhile, we're able to stay connected in various and sundry ways.

Worship: (All "virtual gatherings")

These will be recorded and can be seen after the live viewing.

Sundays:

9.30 Contemporary Service: Livestream online and Facebook

11:00 Sanctuary services and TIF, Livestream and Facebook

Wednesday Night:

7:00p.m. Sanctuary: Livestream and Facebook

A Daily Pastoral Message:

The 10:10

Every day, at 10:10 a.m., Monday through Saturday, Dr. Miller and colleagues offer a pastoral message. Prayers, Scripture, and music lead the way.

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Pastoral Needs and Requests:

We're seeking to respond to needs as quickly and effectively as possible. Please consider the following:

- 1) Let us know if *you need* help.
- 2) Let us know if *you can* help.

If you (or a friend) have a pastoral need:
please call 918-301-1015. You'll receive a call back.

If you can help, please let us know:

Current Needs:

Meals on Wheels: Drivers

Helping Hand: Men and Women to Staff the Offices
9:00- Noon, one or two days a

week. Grocery Runners: to the infirmed

Telecare phone ministry: calling on members and friends