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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, August 15, 2021

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation 2 SAMUEL 22:32-33
For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless.

Prelude JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST
“I Waited on the Lord” - Mendelssohn/Peterson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * ISAIAH 25:6-9
Leader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

People: And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

Leader: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

People: It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 604
“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens meek, raise high your free, exulting song; God’s wondrous praises speak.

[Refrain]

3 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

[Refrain]

4 Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

[Refrain]

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 538

“More about Jesus Would I Know” (Eliza E. Hewitt)

1 More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show; more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus, more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

2 More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me. [Refrain]

3 More about Jesus; in his Word, holding communion with my Lord; hearing his voice in ev’ry line, making each faithful saying mine.

[Refrain]

4 More about Jesus on his throne, riches in glory all his own; more of his kingdom’s sure increase; more of his coming, Prince of Peace.

[Refrain]

Responsive Reading ROMANS 8:14, 16-18, 28, 31, 35, 37-39 (ESV)

Leader: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God:

People: And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Leader: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

People: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Leader: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

People: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Leader: Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

SHELLIE BROWN KEMP/VIOLINIST

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dismiss Children For Children’s Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

Ruth 2:1-23

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband’s side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.” Naomi said to her, “Go ahead, my daughter.” ³ So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. ⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, “The LORD be with you!” The LORD bless you!” they answered. ⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, “Who does that young woman belong to?” ⁶ The overseer replied, “She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. ⁷ She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.’ She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.” ⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, listen to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go

away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.” ¹⁰ At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” ¹¹ Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.” ¹³ “May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord,” she said. “You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.” ¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.” When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. ¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, “Let her gather among the sheaves and don’t reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don’t rebuke her.” ¹⁷ So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸ She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!” Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. “The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz,” she said. “The LORD bless him!” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. “He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.” She added, “That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.” ²¹ Then Ruth the Moabite said, “He even said to me, ‘Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.’” ²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else’s field you might be harmed.” ²³ So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Take Refuge”

Hymn of Response*

Nº 523

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain:

For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

2. No merit of my own his anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus’ righteousness. [Refrain]

3. And now for me he stands before the Father’s throne. He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. [Refrain]

4. His grace has planned it all, ‘tis mine but to believe, and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen, amen.*

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Ruth 2:1-23
“Take Refuge”

I. Legally

II. Providentially

III. Familialy

IV. Abundantly

Announcements

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the Sep.-Nov. issue in the breezeway.

Ladies: Our 2021/22 Bible Study begins Sep. 7 at 9:30 a.m. Our book, “Steadfast” by Courtney Doctor can be picked up in the office. Sign the clipboard please.

Book Study: Parents and Children will meet this evening at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents will study *First Ask Why?* with John and Ashley Belknap leading. Children will eat, study *The Young Peacemaker*, and play. Questions??? please see Nate or Susan Inman.

Golf Tournament: There is a sign up sheet for the Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for October 9th on the Bulletin Board. If you would be interested in participating; please sign up. Thank you, Buford.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Graham Belknap **Next Week:** Gracey Napier

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

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| Worship Service (10:00): | Aug. 8 | 108 |
| Live Views | | 8 |
| Total Online Views | | 16 |
| Sunday School | | 68 |
| Last Week’s Offering: | | \$8,445.00 |
| Online Giving: | | \$99.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Offering: | | \$7,161.00 |
| Year-to-Date Giving: | | \$258,517.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving | | \$221,991.00 (+36,526.00) |



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God .



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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila (Costa Rica)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sybil Grace and Merrian Glover
- **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Jimmy Carman:** will have an MRI on Tuesday Aug 17 to hopefully give the final answer on what is causing his vision issues. Please pray for grace as he adjusts to new glasses that are supposed to help with the double vision.
- **Lois Carman:** will have surgery on Tuesday, Aug 17 to have her gallbladder removed. Please pray for physical strength and God's grace to help her recover.
- **David Anderson:** (Kerri Matthew's uncle) has a large brain tumor and will have surgery tomorrow to remove it.
- **Jim Neill:** is recovering from a fall in which he dislocated his shoulder and got some bad gashes.
- **Bill Glover:** Bill saw his neurologist recently and has an appointment later this month with a vascular surgeon. His pain has intensified.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is in a nursing home now. She still needs a lot of personal care. She is making slow progress; has been able to take a few steps using a walker.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt was born into a Christian home in 1851 in a house on Christian Street in Philadelphia. She was a teenager during the Civil War but was able to keep her focus on her studies and graduated as the valedictorian of her class. She loved children and became a school teacher. Due to a severe back injury while teaching, she began to devote herself to Bible study and hymn writing. She was considered to be one of the premier hymnwriters of the late 1800's and the early 1900's. Eliza died in 1920.

- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care.
- **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; her cancer is very aggressive, and she is in terrible pain. She is completely bedridden and is now in in-home hospice care.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. We are so very thankful and grateful to report that Jim has had another stable scan. We are so appreciative of all the pray-ers and all the prayers from our church family.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); has undergone several rounds of chemo prescribed by MDA. The tumors have remained stable; doctors are please with this, as there are ongoing studies and trials which seem promising. This stability buys time in hopes that a new treatment will emerge that will be successful.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, , Laverne Roberts
- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)

