

The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020 - 8:30 AM

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship God.

Reflection

“Did Christ come from heaven to cure only small scars and cuts? Are not the deep, long-standing, and serious wounds included? O take heed, take your eyes off yourself and look upon Christ. No matter how deadly your sting, believing you shall be cured and live.” -Samuel Ward

“God is pleased sometimes to keep his children on hard times, but it is good for them. In prosperity men’s characters run riot... Sometimes God’s children must see the world’s emptiness to be acquainted with Christ’s fullness.” -Thomas Watson

“It is said in some countries where the trees will grow, but bear no fruit because there is no winter there.” -John Bunyan

Prelude

A Living Prayer
David Hooks, Drew Hooks, Dale Gunter, Maggie Hooks

Allison Krauss & Union Station

Call to Worship Psalm 18:2-3a

*“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised”*

Invocation (concluded by Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise, #101

Come, Thou Almighty King

TRINITY

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before You; Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; In wandering from Your ways; In wasting Your gifts; In forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; Help us we implore You; To live in Your light and walk in Your ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[In these quiet moments, we admit to God our sins and doubts, and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to cleanse us, forgive us, redirect our lives, and grant us renewed faith.]

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:24-25

“But he (Jesus) holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

Songs of Thanksgiving

God Is For Us
His Mercy Is More

Ferguson, Tealy, Robinson, Thompson
Boswell, Papa

Prayers of the People

Offertory

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Elizabeth Morrow, Flute and Phil Biedenbender, Piano

arr. Gary Lanier

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Sermon Title

Gospel Blessings

Rev. Dr. Jeff Morrison

Hymn of Praise, #263

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Benediction

Postlude

March in G Major

Johnson

**Financial Update
General Operating Fund**

	<u>As of 2/29/20</u>
Revenues	\$ 290,192.36
Expenses	<u>260,570.25</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	\$ <u>29,622.11</u>

<i>Names</i>	<i>Prayer Concerns</i>
Tweet Heavener	Recovering at home from foot surgery
Frances Boyles	Cataract removed, surgery mid-March
Sheila Heavener	Sister-in-law Jean had stroke on 3/17
Carole Lee Ferguson	Health concerns
Mary Ann Lore	Health concerns
Source Baptiste	Our sister church
Leonard Walls	Family member has been tested for Covid-19 – waiting on results
Davis Fisher and mom, Meredith	Grandson of Ellis & Meg Fisher, tested positive for Covid-19

Announcements

- All ministries and activities have been discontinued through Friday, April 3rd.
- Faith Promise Mission Budget for 2020-2021 - We have received 126 Faith Promise pledge cards with \$213,525 pledged toward our 2020-2021 Faith Promise (Missions) Budget.
- Faith Promise Mission Budget for 2019-2020 - If you have not yet fulfilled your Faith Promise pledge for our 2019-2020 Faith Promise (Missions) Budget, you have until March 31, 2020.
- The farewell reception for Pastor Jeff Morrison and family has been postponed until a later date.
- The Resurrection Trail has been postponed until next year.
- While we continue to follow the direction of our session through this time of the unknown, we've been advised as staff members to continue working hard for our church members whether that be at church or remotely (from home). The Administrative staff will continue to work regular business hours, and we encourage each of you to reach out like you normally would for assistance with any questions and/or concerns that you may have. If you are unable to reach a person by phone, please leave a message as our voicemails are being forwarded straight to our emails. We plan on getting back with each of you as soon as a possible whether you leave a voice message or email. If you need to be in contact with Wanda Henderson, please call 704-271-4398. If you need Tammy Baker, please call 704-271-4395. If you need Billy Marino, please call 704-271-4497. If you need Rebecca Maney, please call 704-271-4409. And as always, please continue to reach out to our pastors as you would normally. – Billy Marino

Come, Thou Almighty King

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May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

God Is For Us [Lyrics]

[Default Arrangement] by James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne...

Verse 1

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge only You can save

Chorus 1

Sing with joy now our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Verse 2

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Misc 1

(Bridge)

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

His Mercy Is More [Lyrics]

[Matt Papa] by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

“Gospel Blessings”
Rev. Dr. Jeff Morrison

Psalm 32

32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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Lift High the Cross

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. John 12:32

Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

Fine

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

D.C.

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
 be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.