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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Glory Hallelujah!

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!

The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my everlasting Head—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, to bless me with his love—glory, hallelujah!

He lives to plead for me above—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

He lives, all glory to his name!—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah! (*refrain*)

Samuel Medley, 1775, refrain anon.; Music: SHOUT ON, C.M. ref.. American Folk Hymn 19th century.

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,

Who brings good news, good news,

Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:

Our god reigns, our god reigns!

Chorus:

Our God Reigns, our God Reigns

Our God Reigns, our God Reigns

He had no stately form, He had no majesty, that we should be drawn to Him,

He was despised and we took no account of Him,

Yet now He reigns with the Most High. (*chorus*)

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty. He is alive. He is alive.

God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side...

Yes, we know, He is alive! (*chorus*)

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Psalm 65:1-5

Tune: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. *Romans 13:8-10*

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than according to your commands.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.

And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, how does our story begin?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Why did Christ do this?

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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. Amen

-Adapted from John 1, Philipians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:20-26

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Good Life?”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain
from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant
to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

O the old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

TEXT: George Bennard, 1997; MUSIC: OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard.

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The Good Life?