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At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear this all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another
or give to God the price of his life
Even the wise die and leave their wealth to others

Man in his pomp will not remain
**But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol
for he will receive me.
Let us praise God who delivers the humble from death!**

From Psalm 49

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; mod.; Music: ANDREWS, Mark Andrews, 1930

Thy Word

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. (*chorus*)

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. (*chorus*)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Yet, we have closed our eyes to the light of your Word.
We have claimed sight that we do not possess
and we have stumbled in our arrogance.
Forgive us for thinking our ways superior to your law.

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
But we have not trusted in the King of Kings,
the Creator of all.

Forgive us for trusting ourselves instead of You.
Forgive us for disobedience
which displays a delight in ourselves
instead of a delight in you, O Lord,
the author and perfecter of our salvation.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious
might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the
Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints
in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and
transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who were we?

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of
the glory of God. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned—everyone—to his own way.

Who are we?

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not
be put to shame.”
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
for the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing his riches on all who call on him.
For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring,
heirs according to promise.

Who will we be?

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep,
but we shall all be changed, in a moment,
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we shall be changed.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,
and God himself will be with them as their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.

Adapted from Is 53; Rom 3; 10; I Cor 15; Rev 21

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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 *

May the Mind of Christ My Savior Hymn 644

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music:

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, Romans 8:13-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Wisdom in this Wacky World”

Rev. Gregory Reynolds

OUTLINE: Introduction

I. The World is Out of Whack (1-11)

II. Why is the World out of Whack?

III. What is the Solution to the Wackiness?

A. Face the Wackiness Honestly & Be Content

B. Trust & Hope in God as Your Ultimate Treasure & End

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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.

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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*

HYMN OF SENDING

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. (*refrain*)

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*refrain*)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"— it is well with my soul. (*refrain*)

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE Philip P. Bliss, 1876

BENEDICTION*