Worshiping Our God, Who Meets the Needs of His Church!

PRELUDE Sinfonia to Cantata 29 (Now Thank We, O God) J. S. Bach/Marcel Dupre Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand Sanctuary Choir, Carrie Smith, piano

Built on the rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling: Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of men distressed, Longing for life everlasting.

Yet in this house, an earthy frame, Jesus his children is blessing; Higher we come to praise his name, faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, Granting his children the kingdom.

*God Calls Us to Worship Psalm 87:1-2; 125:1-2

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the LORD loves the gates of

Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

People: Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God.

Pastor: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved,

but abides forever.

People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his

people, from this time forth and forevermore.

*He Formed Thee for His Own Abode! No. 345 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED 1 Corinthians 12:26; Galatians 6:2

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED 1 Corinthians 12:27; Galatians 6:9-10

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

*To Her My Cares and Toils Be Given! No. 353 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Isaiah 41:10

Terry Jones, Elder

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! No Hands but Yours

Sanctuary Choir

Chorus:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours; Christ has no body now on earth but yours. [*Chorus*]

Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet on which He is to go about doing good.

And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now. [Chorus]

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

SERMON SERIES "Acts"

SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 28:7-16 | page 937 in the pew Bible

SERMON TITLE Providing for Paul

*WE WALK HEART TO HEART AND HAND IN HAND! No. 355 We Are God's People

GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

WE FEED ON CHRIST BY FAITH

BREAD Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed Carrie Smith, Piano

Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred Head for such a worm as I?
Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree.
My God, why would you shed your blood so pure and undefiled To make a sinful one like me your chosen precious child?

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears. Dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt my eyes to tears. My God, why would you shed your blood so pure and undefiled To make a sinful one like me your chosen precious child?

CUP O Sacred Head Now Wounded Dennis Bergin, organ

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinner's gain: Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, there I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

*WE PREFER ONE ANOTHER!



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*BENEDICTION

*Postlude Reprise: Oh How Good It Is

SERMON NOTES

Providing for Paul

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How did God bless Paul's travel to Rome?

1. With gifts for his ship

2. With gifts for his soul

^{*}Congregation please rise