

Worshiping the Lord, Who Alone Is God!

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10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude on RATHBUN (In the Cross of Christ I Glory)* Seth Bingham
Dennis Bergin, organ

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
John Bowring, 1792-1872

Prelude on BETHANY (Nearer, My God, to Thee)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God, to thee; nearer my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee! Sarah F. Adams, 1805-1848

Toccata on OLIVET (My Faith Looks Up to Thee)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine! Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*
Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet; Laura Quinn, cello; Matt Brantley, bass;
Tom Orear, euphonium; Greg Wagener, drums; Rod Cunningham, keyboard;
Carrie Smith, piano

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 96:1-6
David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

People: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Pastor: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

People: He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

Pastor: But the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him;

All: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 96:1

1. Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peo- ples, new be your
 2. Tell of his won-drous works, tell of his glo-ry, till through the
 3. Vain are the hea-then gods, i - dols and help-less; God made the
 4. Give un - to God Most High glo - ry and hon- or, come with your

song as new hon - ors you pay; sing - of his maj - es - ty,
 na - tions his name is re - vered; praise and ex - alt him, for
 heav'ns, and his glo - ry they tell; hon - or and maj - es - ty
 of - f'ring and hum - bly draw near; in ho - ly beau - ty now

bless him for - ev - er, show his sal - va - tion from day to day.
 he is al - might - y; God o - ver all let the Lord be feared.
 shine out be - fore him, beau - ty and strength in his tem - ple dwell.
 wor - ship Je - ho - vah, trem - ble be - fore him with god - ly fear.

5. Make all the nations know God reigns forever;
 earth is established as he did decree;
 righteous and just is the King of the nations,
 judging the people with equity.
6. Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,
 forest and field, exultation express;
 for God is coming, the Judge of the nations,
 coming to judge in his righteousness.

From Psalm 96
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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 Lowell Mason, 1830

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Isaiah 44:6-7

Andy Iversen, Adult Education & Communications Director

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Isaiah 44:8

Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

***YOU'RE MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER!**

Psalm 19

VERSE



May the words of my mouth and the med-i - ta - tions of my heart
be pleas - ing to You, pleas - ing to You.
May the words of my mouth and the med-i - ta - tions of my heart
be pleas - ing to You, my God.

CHORUS



You're my Rock and my Re - deem- - er. You're the
rea - son that I sing. I de - sire to be a bless - ing in Your eyes.
Ev - 'ry hour, ev - 'ry mo - - ment, Lord, I
want to be Your ser - vant. I de - sire to be a bless - ing in Your eyes.
In Your eyes.

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WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 86:6, 8, 10

Brett Frey, Seminary Intern

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *Praise & Thanksgiving*

Joyce Schrieber, Wendy Myers, Bob Nagy, Brian Roby

Praise and thanksgiving to Christ the King of kings.
Praise and thanksgiving let all creation shout and sing.
Glory to God, forever He reigns.
Glory to God, forever the same,
Glory to God, all honor to His name.

Chorus: Praise and thanksgiving, glory to the Lamb.
God has poured out His love, creations sings at His command;
Almighty Father, glory to His name.
Ev'ry tongue rejoice and sing,
His wondrous works proclaim.

Praise and thanksgiving the heav'ns and earth reply.
All gifts flow from His grace, all blessing from His throne on high.
Glory to God, forever He reigns.
Glory to God forever the same.
Glory to God, all honor to His name. [*Chorus*]

Praise and thanksgiving,
All praise and glory to God on high.
Praise and thanksgiving,
All praise and glory to God on high,
All praise to God, praise to God!

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Andy Iversen, Adult Education & Communications Director
SERMON SERIES “Acts”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 19:21-41
SERMON TITLE *Sailing Tempestuous Seas: A Riot in Ephesus*

²¹ Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, “After I have been there, I must also see Rome.”

²² And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³ About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. ²⁴ For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. ²⁵ These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. ²⁶ And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.

²⁷ And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.”

²⁸ When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ²⁹ So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s companions in travel. ³⁰ But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. ³¹ And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. ³² Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. ³³ Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. ³⁴ But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

³⁵ And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, “Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky? ³⁶ Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. ³⁷ For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. ³⁸ If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.

³⁹ But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. ⁴⁰ For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion.” ⁴¹ And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

***LET NO VICE OR SIN REMAIN!**

O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your

heart. Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no
voice, did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your
grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are

vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly will. You have
Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me through the
wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed. O great

loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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

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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 & CUP

Behold the Lamb



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond,



and we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.
brings us life paid the price to make us one.
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain!



as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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***HERE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST WE STAND!**

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
God in help - less Babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love,
scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross
up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as he stands
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell,

what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, — when stri - vings cease. My com - fort
as Je - sus died, the wrath of God — was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost — its grip on me; for I am
no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck — me from His hand; till He re -

er, my all in all here in the love of Christ — I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ — I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll stand.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: In Christ Alone*

Sailing Tempestuous Seas: A Riot in Ephesus

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Acts 19:21-41

How do people respond as “the word of the Lord continues to increase?”

1. Paul plans in faith (vv. 21-22).
2. Demetrius instigates a disturbance (vv. 23-27).
3. The city riots in confusion (vv. 28-34).
4. The clerk quells the chaos (vv. 35-41).

*Congregation please rise

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