

Worshiping the Lord, Because of the Gospel!

FEBRUARY 16, 2020
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Sinfonia to Cantata 29 "Wir danken dir, Gott" (We Thank Thee, O God)*
by J. S. Bach, arr. for Solo Organ by Marcel Dupre
Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *God, in the Gospel of His Son*
Prudence Barker, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute; Will Barker, trombone;
Tom Orear, euphonium

God, in the gospel of his Son makes his eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;
Here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 98:1-4

Reverend Bill Myers

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation;

People: He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

***WE SHOW HIS SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY! NO. 62** *Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Galatians 3:2-3; 5:2-4

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

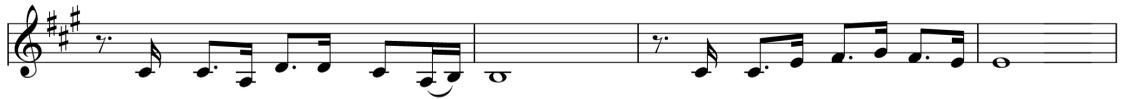
WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Galatians 3:10-13

All who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

***OUR HOPE IS HIDDEN IN THE LORD!**

The Lord Is My Salvation

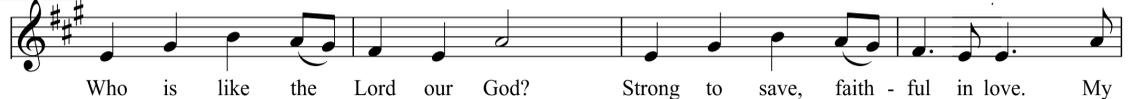


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| [1. The grace of God has reached for_ me, | And pulled me from the rag - ing sea. |
| [2. I will not fear when dark-ness falls, | His strength will help me scale these walls. |
| [3. My hope is hid-den in the_ Lord, | He flow'rs each pro-mise of His Word. |
| [4. In times of wait-ing, times of_ need, | When I know loss, when I am weak. |
| 5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, | He will not leave me in the grave. |



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| [And I am safe on this sol - id ground: | The Lord is my sal - va - tion. |
| [I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: | The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (Chorus) |
| [When win-ter fades, I know spring will come: | The Lord is my sal - va - tion. |
| [I know His grace will re-new these days: | The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (Chorus) |
| But I will rise, He will call me home: | The Lord is my sal - va - tion. (Tag) |

Chorus

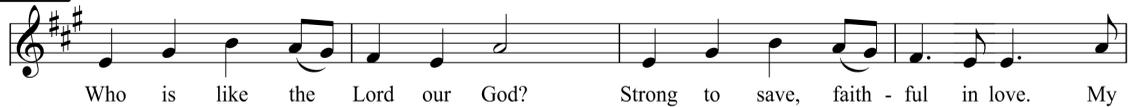


Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My



debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Tag



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debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion... Glo-ry



be to God, the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to God, the Son, Glo-ry



be to God, the Spi - rit; The Lord is our sal - va - tion.

***GOD REVEALS OUR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE!**

Belgic Confession Article 22

Pastor: We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him.

People: **For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him, then those who have Christ by faith have his salvation entirely.**

Pastor: Therefore, to say that Christ is not enough but that something else is needed as well is a most enormous blasphemy against God—for it then would follow that Jesus Christ is only half a Savior.

People: **And therefore we justly say with Paul that we are justified “by faith alone” or “by faith apart from works.”**

Pastor: However, we do not mean, properly speaking, that it is faith itself that justifies us—for faith is only the instrument by which we embrace Christ, our righteousness.

People: **But Jesus Christ is our righteousness in making available to us all his merits and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place. And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him and with all his benefits. When those benefits are made ours, they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.**

***WE ARE FORGIVEN! NO. 498** *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 70:4

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Psalm 119:108a

Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD’S WORD! *For the Sake of the Gospel*

Sanctuary Choir; Greg Wagener, drums

Through the power of Your Spirit, You called us to the cross,
Where Your precious blood redeemed us when our hopeless souls were lost.
You have saved us to be servants who share the Light of truth
With a world who needs a Savior and the glorious good news.

Chorus: For the sake of the Gospel, purify Your church
As we carry the message all throughout the earth.
Let each heart be surrendered to pray, obey, and go
For the sake of the Gospel, for Your glory alone.

Saving faith will come by hearing, and hearing by the Word.
So we’ll preach to ev’ry nation ‘til the day that You return.
Seeking first Your holy kingdom, may we lift Your banner high
And take up our cross to follow as Your name is magnified. (*Chorus*)

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| GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD | Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor |
| SERMON SERIES | “Acts” |
| SCRIPTURE TEXT | Acts 16:1-5 page 924 in the pew Bible |
| SERMON TITLE | <i>To Advance the Gospel</i> |

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Carol Conner, piano

To Advance the Gospel

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Acts 16:1-5 | page 924 in the pew Bible

Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?

1. To remove an offense to Jews.

2. To offer an encouragement to Gentiles.

*Congregation please rise

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