

Worshiping Our God Who Vindicates His Servants!

MAY 31, 2020
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Chorale Variations* on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Maurice Durufle
Dennis Bergin, organ

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, ignite them with celestial fire;
Spirit of God, you have the art your gifts, the sevenfold, to impart.
(attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856)

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Kyrstan Brantley, Virginia McGuigan, flute; Carrie Smith, piano

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 43

Reverend Bill Myers

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from
the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

People: For you are the God in whom I take refuge;

Pastor: Why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the
oppression of the enemy?

**People: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to
your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise
you with the lyre, O God, my God.

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

***WE SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM!**

HIS LOVE AND GRACE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
John Goss, 1869

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Matthew 10:16-19, 28

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Matthew 10:29-33

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

***WE LOSE OUR DOUBT AND FEAR!**

Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

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His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. Matt. 10:29

Unison Γ

1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, why should the shad - ows
2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I
3. When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a -

come, why should my heart be lone - ly and long for
hear, and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my
rise, when songs give place to sigh - ing, when hope with -

heav'n and home, when Je - sus is my por - tion?
doubt and fear; tho' by the path he lead - eth,
in me dies, I draw the clos - er to him,

My con - stant friend is he: his eye is on the spar - row,
but one step I may see: his eye is on the spar - row,
from care he sets me free; his eye is on the spar - row,

and I know he watch - es me; his eye is on the
and I know he watch - es me; his eye is on the
and I know he cares for me; his eye is on the

spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
spar - row, and I know he cares for me.

Civilla D. Martin, 1863–1948

SPARROW 7.6.7.6.7.6.7.7.7.
Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932; alt. 1990

GOD REVEALS HIS SURPASSING POWER! 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Pastor: But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

People: We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

Pastor: For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus's sake.

People: So that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

***WE ARE RAISED TO LIFE!**

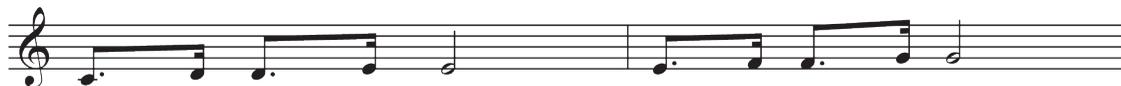
The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of _____ sin.
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His _____ head.
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am _____ free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live



nailed to a cross of _____ wood. This the
 crown - ing Your blood - stained _____ brow. This the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry _____ cry. This the
 won through Your self - less _____ love! This the



1,2,3. pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the
 4. pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a



blame, bore the wrath. We stand for - giv - en at _____ the cross.
 love, what a cost. We stand for - giv - en at _____ the cross.

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WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 18:6

Reverend Bill Myers

In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

***WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Kyrstan Brantley, Virginia McGuigan, flute

Rejoice, the LORD is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

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| SERMON SERIES | “Acts” |
| SCRIPTURE TEXT | Acts 18:12-17 |
| SERMON TITLE | <i>The Gospel Rules</i> |

¹² But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, ¹³ saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” ¹⁴ But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. ¹⁵ But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” ¹⁶ And he drove them from the tribunal. ¹⁷ And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

The Lord Is My Salvation



- [1. The grace of God has reach'd 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.



- [And I am safe on this so - lid 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. (2nd Chorus)

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.

2nd 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. 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.

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Reprise: The Lord Is My Salvation*

The Gospel Rules

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Acts 18:12-17

How did the Jews oppose the gospel?

1. Through a Legal Attack.

2. Through a Physical Attack.

*Congregation please rise

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