

Worshiping God, Who Institutes Our Governments!

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10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Fugue (Thema Fugatum) in C Minor* from “Passacaglia in C Minor” J. S. Bach
Dennis Bergin, organ

Note on the Organ Prelude by Dennis Bergin

J. S. Bach’s great Passacaglia in C Minor concludes with a powerful Fugue based on the opening ground bass theme of the Passacaglia. Against the Passacaglia theme subject, Bach sets two counter-subjects (a possible understanding being an invocation of Trinitarian symbolism.) Midway through the Fugue, a new, ascending step-wise pedal theme enters (as if the Creation rises in exuberant praise of its great Creator!) The musical effect is truly overwhelming in this marvelous declaration of “Soli Deo Gloria” by J. S. Bach to which the listener can only respond AMEN!

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Prudence Barker, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet;
Will Barker, trombone; Tom Orear, euphonium; Greg Wagener, drums; Carrie Smith, piano

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend, to us he’ll condescend;

His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Amen, Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 146:1-7, 10

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

People: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

All: Praise the LORD!

***WE SING HALLELUJAH!**

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Psalm 146
The Psalter, 1912
 Mod.

RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Proverbs 25:28

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Galatians 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

***WE THINK WHAT SPIRIT DWELLS WITHIN!**

Bill Myers, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me
3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me,
4. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure,
5. Soul then know thy full sal - va - tion,
6. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low Thee
They have left my sa - vior too
'Twill but drive me to thy breast
Come dis - as - ter, and scorn and pain
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Armed by faith and wing'd by prayer.



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
Life with tri - als hard may press me,
In thy ser - vice pain is plea - sure,
Joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion,
Heav'n's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



Thou from hence my all shalt be
Thou art not like them un - true
Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest
With thy fa - vor loss is gain
Some - thing still to do or bear.
God's own hand shall guide thee there.

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Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me,
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,
I have called thee Ab - ba Fa - ther,
Think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee,
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion,



All I've sought or hoped or known
God of wis - dom, love and might
While thy love is left to me
I have stayed my heart on thee
Think what Fa - ther's smiles are thine.
Soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Storms may howl and clouds may ga - ther,
Think that Je - sus died to win thee,
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heaven are still my own
Show thy face and all is bright
Were that joy un - mixed with thee
All must work for good thou to me
Child of heav'n, canst and thou re - pine.
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

GOD REVEALS HIS INSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS! Westminster Confession of Faith 23:1, 3-4

Pastor: God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, has armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

People: Civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the Word and sacraments; or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven; or, in the least, interfere in matters of faith.

Pastor: Yet, as nursing fathers, it is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the church of our common Lord, without giving the preference to any denomination of Christians above the rest, in such a manner that all ecclesiastical persons whatever shall enjoy the full, free, and unquestioned liberty of discharging every part of their sacred functions, without violence or danger.

People: And, as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in his church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder, the due exercise thereof, among the voluntary members of any denomination of Christians, according to their own profession and belief.

Pastor: It is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the person and good name of all their people, in such an effectual manner as that no person be suffered, either upon pretense of religion or of infidelity, to offer any indignity, violence, abuse, or injury to any other person whatsoever: and to take order, that all religious and ecclesiastical assemblies be held without molestation or disturbance.

People: It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute or other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake.

Pastor: Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted,

All: Much less hath the pope any power and jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and, least of all, to deprive them of their dominions, or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretense whatsoever.

***WE FALL AT YOUR FEET!**

713 Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system includes four numbered verses of lyrics. The second system includes two lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
2. The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
3. Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,
4. When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea, be - set our coun - try round,

and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown.
to you we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

5. With one consent we meekly bow
beneath your chast'ning hand,
and, pouring forth confession meet,
mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
as thus we lift our prayer;
correct us with your judgments, Lord,
then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 46:10

Andy Iversen, Adult Education Director

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *A Lord-Built House*

Tonya Zanders, soloist; Joyce Schrieber, soprano; Prudence Barker, alto;
Rod Cunningham, tenor; Will Barker, bass

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Chorus: I wanna live in a Lord-built house.
I wanna live in a Lord-built house.
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
Unless the Lord builds the house,
It's builders labor in vain!

Don't wanna live in a man-built house
With a structure built on sin,
Brightly painted shutters 'n doors
And all decayed within!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
Wanna live in a Lord-built house! (*Chorus*)

Don't wanna live in a man-built house
With a man-made light inside.
The storm blows in and the power goes out
And the man in fear must hide!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
Wanna live in a Lord-built house! (*Chorus*)

I wanna live in a Lord-built house
With a structure built on love,
With the rock foundation under me
And the Heavenly Father above!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
Wanna live in a Lord-built house! (*Chorus*)

I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
Wanna live in a Lord-built house!

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SERMON SERIES “A Pillar and Buttress of Truth”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Titus 2:11-14
SERMON TITLE *The Four Governments*

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

God of Our Fathers

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7

*Organ or trumpets
before each stanza*

1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry
 past; in this free land by thee our lot is
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de -
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing

band of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the
 cast; be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and
 fense; thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in -
 day; fill all our lives with love and grace di -

skies, our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 stay; thy Word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 crease, thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 vine, and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Daniel C. Roberts, 1876

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10.
George William Warren, 1892

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Reprise: God of Our Fathers!*

The Four Governments

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Titus 2:11-14

How should the four governments God has instituted interact?

1. Self Government

2. Family Government

3. Church Government

4. Civil Government

*Congregation please rise

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