



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer
April 25, 2021

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 49:8-9a

Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

Hymn of Praise

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past #30

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

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

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

*4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.*

*6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.*

*7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

Invocation

Responsive Reading

Amos 9:13-15

Leader: "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;

People: the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

Leader: I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;

People: they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

All: I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Lesson

Don Bennett, Ruling Elder

Romans 1:8-17 – An Eager Obligation to Preach the Gospel

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness #520

*1. Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.*

*3. When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.*

*2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who aught to my charge shall lay?
fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

*4. Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me -
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.*

*5. O let the dead now hear thy voice;
now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.*

Season of Prayer

Children and youth may be dismissed at this time through the front sanctuary doors (adjacent to the stage) to go to their classes on the third floor.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Living by God's Word

1. For God's blessing upon Sunday morning and Sunday evening preaching, on mid-week bible studies, Sunday School, all youth and children's times. For strong attendance at these opportunities driven by a hunger for God's word.
2. For the lost to come under the preaching and teaching of God's word and so come to faith by the power of the gospel.
3. For our teaching ministry to children to be faithful and true: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)
4. For our observance of the Lord's Supper: that we would partake in a worthy manner and so participate in Christ to our great blessing and his glory.
5. For seminaries at home and abroad, that the Lord would maintain their purity and fidelity, together with genuine piety. That he would supply for every need and raise up pastors for God's people.
6. That the church would be purified and renewed to fulfill its calling as a pillar and buttress of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:15 *if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

Missionaries

Joel and Emily Swearingen: in the middle East. For wisdom in discipling a new believer. For M&S, two friends that have heard a lot of truth from the Swearingens. For an opportunity to really open up the word with them. For E's continued studies with Lulu, a local follower, for growth and wisdom as she faces big decisions. For peace for E and her family during this season. For God's leading in the lives of several potential new workers to the field. For the final 20% of support for teammates R&M who are coming! For peace and wisdom in the transition to a new job role that enables residency, as well as the additional financial support required to enable this.

For the Needs of the Saints

1. Jeff Endrulat's mother Shirley Hollenbaugh is fighting is likely in her last days. She is thankfully a believer. Please pray for Jeff and Beth as they care for her during this difficult time.
2. Jim Hess as he continues to work through medical problems. Praise for improvement. Pray for Joyce as she continues to loving and sacrificially care for him. Pray also KC & Jennifer Williams as they all care for him as well.
3. Vania Palmer suffered a head injury at work. Please continue praying for recovery and equitable treatment from her employer.

4. William and Tricia Reasor, as Tricia faces ongoing health difficulties
5. Don Bennett's mother Marlene (cancer) and father Don, and Don and Hope as they care for them.
6. Pregnant mothers in our congregation
7. For an end to the pandemic and for strength and comfort for those who are struggling in the pandemic with job loss, financial stress, illness, isolation, hopelessness, anger, or bitterness.

Scripture Song

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness (Oh Lord)
Great is Thy faithfulness*

Benediction

Sermon Notes