

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that we come to worship God. Too often we separate those two words in our thinking. Either we come to have a “worshipful experience” (which is too often focused on our own feelings), or we conceive in our minds a God who is much like us. Isaiah’s vision makes us unite those two words and brings us back to worship God – to come in reverence before the Holy One, who is terrifying to behold in His glory yet condescends to cleans and pardon our sin!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

We Bless the Father

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.”

And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”

§ Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

No. 103

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Peter Spink

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 51:1-19

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

By Your favor do good to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

§ Psalm

O Thou That Hear’st When Sinners Cry

No. 485

(stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6)

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now, Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions, bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit dwelt with me, I would, mighty be; help me now Thy pow’r to see, I would be like Thee; ‘gainst all weapons, hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield; let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee! ~CCLI 11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

No. 520

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1:1-3

Pew Bible page 1140

¹Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

A Word to the Church of God

§ Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation

No. 347

(stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6)

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 134:1-3

Behold, bless the LORD, all servants of the LORD, who serve by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth.

§ Psalm

O Bless Our God with One Accord

No. 400

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Peter Spink

New Testament Reading

I Peter 1:1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

§ Hymn

O Savior, Precious Savior (stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

No. 159

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O Breath of Life

Steve Lawton, vocalist; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Spink

§ Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

No. 645

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 7:15-8:1

Pew Bible page 674

¹⁵I have seen everything during my lifetime of futility; there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness. ¹⁶Do not be excessively righteous and do not be overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself? ¹⁷Do not be excessively wicked and do not be a fool. Why should you die before your time? ¹⁸It is good that you grasp one thing and also not let go of the other; for the one who fears God comes forth with both of them.

¹⁹Wisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city. ²⁰Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins. ²¹Also, do not take seriously all words which are spoken, so that you will not hear your servant cursing you. ²²For you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others.

²³I tested all this with wisdom, and I said, “I will be wise,” but it was far from me. ²⁴What has been is remote and exceedingly mysterious. Who can discover it? ²⁵I directed my mind to know, to investigate and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness. ²⁶And I discovered more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, whose hands are chains. One who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but the sinner will be captured by her.

²⁷“Behold, I have discovered this,” says the Preacher, “adding one thing to another to find an explanation, ²⁸which I am still seeking but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a woman among all these. ²⁹Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices.”

¹Who is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man’s wisdom illumines him and causes his stern face to beam.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Marty Martin

Keeping A Level Head

§ Hymn

Amazing Grace!

No. 460

§ Benediction

§ The congregation will please stand.

Sermon Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Pew Cards:** If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!*

Wednesday Night Supper & Service:

5:30 PM: Catered Supper—\$3.50/ adult (ages 11 & up); \$2.50/child (ages 10 & under) \$15 max/family; sign-up is required.

***Please indicate on a pew card the number of adults & children attending this week’s supper;** the menu is beef nachos, salad, and dessert. **Food is served until 6:10 pm.**

6:30 PM: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children); High Point (youth).

Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 AM:

Assurance of Salvation, taught by Terry Richards, will meet in the fellowship hall.

The Three Epistles of John, taught by Jeff Wayne, Sr., will meet in the sanctuary.

Early Morning Bible Study (Philippians, led by Pastor Martin), Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 am.

Women’s Retreat, Friday & Saturday, August 25-26, Bonclarken Conference Center: brochures are available in the narthex. Contact Brenda Kuhfuss for details.

Men’s Bible Study (Galatians) will meet Thursday, June 1, 7:00 pm; contact John Kuhfuss for more information.

Youth Hangout/ Game Night, Saturday, June 10, 5—8 pm, at the home of Greg & Mary Horsky: play games, eat, and hang out!. Please contact Mary McKay for questions.

Next Sunday Evening, June 4—Graduation Picnic Supper

Plan to join us Sunday, June 4, following evening worship, for a picnic supper in honor of our graduates!

Please sign-up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) or in the narthex, to bring a tray of sliders, sandwiches or wraps; pasta, potato or broccoli salad; fruit or dessert ~Thank you!

Nursery Workers Needed! We currently have 14 nursery age children with 3 more arriving this year (so we definitely need more nursery volunteers!) If you are willing to serve in this area, please contact Brittany Reini or Brandy Triplett~**Thank you!**

VBS/ Summer SeaQuest: June 19—23, 9:00 AM—12 Noon (Grade K4—Grade 6 completed)

Registration for Summer SeaQuest is open! Flyers and forms are available in the narthex and online registration is also available at www.fellowshippres.org/2023-vbs-summerseaquest.

Help is needed to convert the building on Sunday, June 11 and 19.

Sunday mornings, from 9:30—9:45 AM, you are invited to join some of the Elders as we gather (in the pastor’s study) to pray for the Lord’s blessing each Lord’s Day.

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

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THE SESSION:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, John Kuhfuss,
Terry Richards, Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr.
Elder of the Month: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

THE DIACONATE:

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,
Brian Medlin, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett
Deacon of the Week: Brian Medlin

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Michael Weaver

CHURCH INTERN: Vinicius Pimentel

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania	Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub—Scotland
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru	Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London	Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville	Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
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*Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by
reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ
and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20