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The Lord's Day, February 21, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

February 21, 2021 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Micah 4:1-7

Curt Presley

Elder: ¹It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, ²and many nations shall come, and say:

People: **“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Elder: ³He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; ⁴but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

People: **⁵For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.**

Elder: ⁶In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation;

All: **and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.**

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

**Please stand, if able.*

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Hymn No. 38

Music: JOANNA, Traditional Welsh Melody
Lyrics: Walter Chalmers Smith



1. Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want-ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #32

Elder: Why are you called a Christian?

People: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Call to Confession

Micah 6:1-3, 6-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!...

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, since You delay with so much forbearance the reproofs which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked Your anger against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to You for pardon, and with true repentance implore Your mercy. With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to You, whether You chastise us, or according to Your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding You to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in Your only begotten Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

***Offertory Prayer**

Deacon Trip Farris

**Please stand, if able.*

Offertory Music “Improvisation No. 7 in C Major”

Francis Poulenc

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 10:45a.m. service three- & four-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Gray Flora

Members of the Week:

Randy & Kathy Atkins

Brett & Meg Barefoot; Drew, Kate Stiles and Brett Martin

Missionary of the Week:

Roger and Abi Lowther: Japan - The covid quarantine has been difficult for a Japanese couple staying at home together all day because the wife is Christian, but the husband is not. Finally, the husband decided to ask a minister about his wife's faith. Roger wrote that he is “encouraged by the man's openness and interest,” and he asks that we pray for the Holy Spirit “to break through.”

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-5

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Good Life & Identity”

Les Newsom

Jesus & the Good Life: A Study of the Sermon on the Mount

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano during closing hymn.

***Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Music: Laura Taylor
Lyrics: John Newton



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion
3. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice
4. Let us praise and join the chor - us



let us praise the Sav - ior's name,
threat - ens hard to bear us down,
join and point to mer - cy's store;
of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
When through grace, in Christ our trust is,
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us,



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame,
holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown;
jus - tice smiles and asks no more.
now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
You have washed us with Your blood,



He has brought us nigh to God.
soon will bring us home to God.
has se - cured our way to God.
You are wor - thy, Lamb of God.

* Please stand, if able.

***Benediction²**

Sermon Notes:

Matthew 5:1-5

“The Good Life & Identity”

1. The Way of Poverty

2. The Way of a Broken Heart

3. The Way of Meekness

Musicians & Media Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar;
Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Andrew Gardner, violin;
Andy Paney, piano; Molly Singletary, vocals;
Daniel Stewart, projections

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²*Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



starting February
nursery will again be
available at both the
8:30am & 10:45am services

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