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making disciples of Jesus.*



The Week's Order of
WORSHIP
for
THE LORD'S DAY

July 2, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“Being misrepresented, slandered, reviled, persecuted, and wrongfully accused is an inevitable part of being a Christian. We must expect to suffer unjustly. Our lives confront the culture we live in. We live as aliens in the world, and it should not surprise us when the world is hostile toward us (1 John 3:13). We were called for that purpose. In this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33). It goes with the territory.”

-John MacArthur, *The Book on Leadership*, 2004, p. 130.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

(Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18:1-2, 49-50

LEADER: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

PEOPLE: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

LEADER: For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.

PEOPLE: **Great salvation he brings to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,
to David and his offspring forever.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 2 (vv 1-2, 4-6)

O Worship the King

- 1 O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
- 6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Philippians 2:14-15

LEADER: Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless
and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked
and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

Romans 8:31-32, 38-39

LEADER: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 460 (vv 1-6)

Amazing Grace!

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| 1 Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace. |
| 3 Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. | 6 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun. |

PSALTER READING

David Rogers, Pastor

Psalm 59

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him.

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
protect me from those who rise up against me;
² deliver me from those who work evil,
and save me from bloodthirsty men.
³ For behold, they lie in wait for my life;
fierce men stir up strife against me.
For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord,

(Continued...)

⁴ for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.
Awake, come to meet me, and see!

⁵ You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel.
Rouse yourself to punish all the nations;
spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. *Selah*

⁶ Each evening they come back,
howling like dogs
and prowling about the city.

⁷ There they are, bellowing with their mouths
with swords in their lips—
for “Who,” they think, “will hear us?”

⁸ But you, O Lord, laugh at them;
you hold all the nations in derision.

⁹ O my Strength, I will watch for you,
for you, O God, are my fortress.

¹⁰ My God in his steadfast love will meet me;
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.

¹¹ Kill them not, lest my people forget;
make them totter by your power and bring them down,
O Lord, our shield!

¹² For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips,
let them be trapped in their pride.
For the cursing and lies that they utter,

¹³ consume them in wrath;
consume them till they are no more,
that they may know that God rules over Jacob
to the ends of the earth. *Selah*

¹⁴ Each evening they come back,
howling like dogs
and prowling about the city.

¹⁵ They wander about for food
and growl if they do not get their fill.

¹⁶ But I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

¹⁷ O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

All I Have Is Christ

1 I once was lost in darkest night
yet thought I knew the way;
the sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will
and if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still.

2 But as I ran my hell-bound race,
indifferent to the cost
you looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God's love displayed,
you suffered in my place,
you bore the wrath reserved for me,
now all I know is grace!

Chorus

Hallelujah!
All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah!
Jesus is my life!

3 Now Lord I would be yours alone
and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands
could never come from me.
O Father use my ransomed life
in any way you choose
and let my song forever be
my only boast is you.

Chorus (x 2)

* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

1 Samuel 19:1-17

And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. ² And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. ³ And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you." ⁴ And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. ⁵ For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" ⁶ And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death." ⁷ And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

⁸ And there was war again. And David went out and fought with

the Philistines and struck them with a great blow, so that they fled before him. ⁹ Then a harmful spirit from the LORD came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. ¹⁰ And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

¹¹ Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, "If you do not escape with your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." ¹² So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled away and escaped. ¹³ Michal took an image and laid it on the bed and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with the clothes. ¹⁴ And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." ¹⁵ Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." ¹⁶ And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. ¹⁷ Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'"

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

"Why This Painful Path?"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

He Will Hold Me Fast

- 1 When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail,
he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold;
he must hold me fast.

(Continued...)

Chorus

He will hold me fast,
he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so,
he will hold me fast.

2 Those he saves are his delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight,
he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost,
he will hold me fast.

3 For my life he bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied;
he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life,
he will hold me fast
'till our faith is turned to sight,
when he comes at last!

*** BENEDICTION**

1 Peter 5:10-11

PASTOR: And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“Why This Painful Path?”

1 Samuel 19:1-17

Next Week:

Text: *1 Samuel 19:18-24*

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

O Worship the King

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Prayer for Worship—Admin Rm 103	9:30 a.m.
	Worship—Worship Center	10:30 a.m.
MONDAY	Independence Day Extended Holiday—Church Office Closed	
TUESDAY	Independence Day Holiday—Church Office Closed	
WEDNESDAY	Prayer—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men’s Bible Study—Admin Rm 103	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Men’s Leader Development Class—Admin Rm 103	8:00 a.m.

Church activity calendar is available online at www.tnpc.org/events

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COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, July 9. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

NO ADULT OR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN JULY – There will be NO Sunday School classes in July. We will resume classes on **Sunday, August 6**. On these Sunday mornings, we encourage you to rest and prepare for worship by focusing your hearts (and the hearts of your children) on God and all His benefits given to us in Jesus Christ.

WOMEN’S PRAYER BRUNCH — Join us for a devotional, time in prayer, and refreshments on Friday, July 14 at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. RSVP by July 11 to Barb Cole at barbjcole1958@gmail.com. Childcare is available by email to Graham Clark at TNPCNursery@gmail.com by July 5.

TNPC CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR — We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate our Children’s Sunday School program for the coming school year. For more information, contact Andrew Cies (andrew.cies@tnpc.org).

Fiscal Year 2023

Totals through June 25, 2023

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 926,472
Designated Giving	\$ 165,043
Total Expenses	\$ 1,480,967
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (389,452)

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