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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, March 23, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

March 23, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton, 1774



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, *repeat 2x*
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.

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 84:1-12

Elder: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

^{*}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.

People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Elder: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

People: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Elder: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

***Be Thou My Vision, verse 1, 2, 4-5**

Hymn No. 642

Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish melody
Lyrics: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent., tr. Mary E. Byrne and Eleanor H. Hull

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #31

Elder: Why is the Lord Jesus called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

***I Asked the Lord**

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton, 1779



1. I asked the Lord that I might grow
2. Twas He who taught me thus to pray
3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour
4. In - stead of this He made me feel
5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed
6. "Lord, why is this?" I trem - bling cried,
7. "These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy



in faith and love and ev - 'ry grace,
and He I trust has an - swered prayer,
at once He'd an - swer my re - quest,
the hid - den e - vils of my heart,
in - tent to ag - gra - vate my woe,
"Wilt Thou pur - sue thy worm to death?"
from self and pride to set thee free,

might more of His sal - va - tion know
but it has been in such a way
and by His love's con - strain - ing pow'r
and let the an - gry pow'r's of Hell
crossed all the fair de - signs I schemed,
'Tis in this way," the Lord re - plied,
and break the schemes of earth - ly joy

and seek more ear - nest - ly His face.
as al - most drove me to des - pair.
sub - due my sins and give me rest.
as - sault my soul in ev - 'ry part.
cast out my feel - ings, laid me low.
"I an - swer prayer for grace and faith."
that thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Call to Confession

Ephesians 2:1-3, 12

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind... ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Lord, I thank You that You will keep the sinner You have loved and saved by sovereign grace in Jesus, else I would never get to heaven. I wrong the work of grace in my heart if I deny my new nature and my eternal life, if Jesus were not my righteousness and redemption. I would sink into the lowest hell by my misdoings, shortcomings, unbelief, unlove, if Jesus by the power of His spirit were not my sanctification. All the good things of life are less than nothing when compared with His love; and with one glimpse of His electing favor, all the treasures of a million worlds could not make me richer, happier, or more contented. I could not long after Your presence if I did not know the sweetness of it, and such I could not know except by the Spirit in my heart, nor love You unless You have loved me first. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:13-14, 16

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross.

**Please stand, if able.*

*The Sands of Time are Sinking

Music: Philip Palmertree; Lyrics: Anne Cousin, 1857, based on the letters of Samuel Rutherford



1. The sands of time are sink - ing,
2. The king there in His beau - ty
3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain,
4. The bride eyes not her gar - ment
5. Oh! I am my Be - lov - ed's



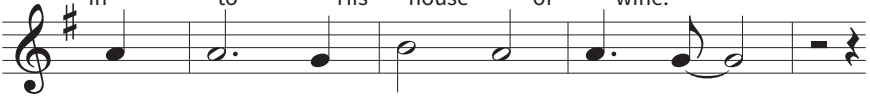
the dawn of hea - ven breaks;
with - out a veil is seen:
the deep sweet well of love!
but her dear Bride - groom's face;
and my Be - lov - ed is mine!



the sum - mer morn I've sighed for,
it were a well spent jour - ney,
The streams on earth I've tast - ed
I will not gaze at glo - ry
He brings a poor vile sin - ner



the fair sweet morn a - wakes.
though sev'n deaths lay be - tween.
more deep I'll drink a - bove.
but on my King of grace.
in - to His house of wine.



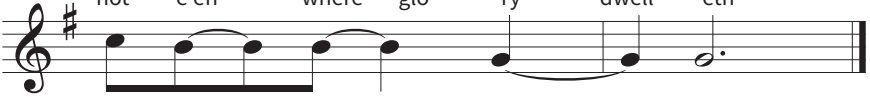
Dark, dark had been the mid - night,
The Lamb with His fair ar - my
There to an o - cean full - ness
Not at the crown He giv - eth
I stand u - pon His me - rit;



but day - spring is at hand,
doth on Mount Zi - on stand,
His mer - cy doth ex - pand,
but on His pierc - ed hand;
I know no oth - er stand;



and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
the Lamb is all the glo - ry
not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth



in Em - man - uel's land.
in Em - man - uel's land.
in Em - man - uel's land.
of Em - man - uel's land.
in Em - man - uel's land.

Offertory

"Tender Mercy"

Music & Lyrics: Scott Roley and Paige Overton Pitts

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

**Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-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 Errol Castens

Members of the Week:

Harry & Sharron Alexander

Gerald & Karen Allison

Missionaries of the Week:

Steve & Karen Jameson: One Door Ministries - Haiti

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

1st & 2nd Grade: Emelie & Clyde McGee; Hannah & Nathan Dye

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Buddy Crick

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Holding Fast & Drawing Near"

Austin Braasch

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: Samuel Stennett, 1787



1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand
2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - o - nous breath
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place



and shines cast a wish - ful eye
can one e - ter - nal day;
and reach that health - ful shore.
be for - ev - er blessed?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land
There God the Son for - ev - er reigns
When Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death
shall I see my Fa - ther's face

*Please stand, if able.

**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!

where my pos - ses - sion's lie. 2. All
and scat - ters night a
are felt and feared no more. 4. When
and in His bos - om
way. I am bound, I am bound,
rest.
I am bound for the prom - ised land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the pro - mised land.

***Benediction²**

***Doxology**

Hymn No. 731

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551; Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709

Sermon Notes

"Holding Fast & Drawing Near"

Hebrews 4:14-16

1. Holding Fast

2. Drawing Near



The flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of Connie Maxwell's 90th Birthday!

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin; Nelson Crawford, guitar; Olivia Grace Gorton, piano; Harper Holley, viola; Jonathan Klingler, lights & projections; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; John Spencer, vocals; Bekah Trapnell, vocals; Garner Watkins, guitar

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²Just 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



Tunes & Tacos today! Join us at 5pm in the sanctuary to enjoy psalms, hymns, and other scripture songs by The Corner Room! Shortly after the concert we will enjoy a South Depot taco bar & dessert. Everyone is welcome - college students too!

community prayer breakfast

*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. **Wait for the Lord**; be strong and take heart and **wait for the Lord.*** Psalm 27:13-14



join us for a time of prayer for our city, state & country

March 29, 2025
9 to 11 AM

Christ Pres
901 Sisk Avenue

hosted by Tallahatchie Oxford Missionary Baptist Association Ministerial Alliance and Christ Presbyterian Church

SPRING SALAD LUNCH



To wrap up the Women's Spring Bible Study, we will have a salad lunch on Wednesday, April 9 from 11:15am-12:30pm. Bring your favorite salad to share! Don't attend morning study? Come join us for lunch anyway! Childcare will be extended until 12:30pm for those with littles wanting to stay for lunch.

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