

First Christian Reformed Church

May 3, 2020

10:15 Prelude

~ Mike H

Welcome

Call to Worship: *Psalm 46:1; Psalm 95:1-3*

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.*

God's Greeting

We Gather Together

~ Cal B, Frances C

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side – all glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Romans 8:1*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

~ Gene T

Scripture: *I Chronicles 21:18 – 22:1 (ESV)*

¹⁸ Now the angel of the LORD had commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹ So David went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD. ²⁰ Now Ornan was threshing wheat. He turned and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. ²¹ As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David and went out from the threshing floor and paid homage to David with his face to the ground. ²² And David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full price—that the plague may be averted from the people." ²³ Then Ornan said to David, "Take it, and let my lord the king do what seems good to him. See, I give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for the wood and the wheat for a grain offering; I give it all." ²⁴ But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will buy them for the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, nor offer burnt offerings that cost me nothing." ²⁵ So David paid Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site. ²⁶ And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. ²⁷ Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

²⁸ At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there. ²⁹ For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were at that time in the high place at Gibeon, ³⁰ but David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

¹ Then David said, "Here shall be the house of the LORD God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Reflections of Plague and Pestilence, III*

By the Sea of Crystal

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,

Myriads in number, drawn from every land.

Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,

They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,
They have been translated at the Lord's command.
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.
Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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God's Blessing

Offering: Part of worship is giving. The offering this week is Christian School Tuition Assistance.

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[At this time we encourage you to continue in home worship. Begin with prayer, taking time to pray for the many needs around us. Google a couple of your favorite hymns or songs, play them on your computer and listen or sing along. Re-read the morning Scripture text and spend some time reflecting on the message and discussing its implications and applications in our life.]