Vercy Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 4:4, 6-7

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

- People: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks and sing And triumph evermore!

Chorus

Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice, Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains He took His seat above. Chorus

Rejoice the Lord is King

3. His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n. Chorus
4. He sits at God's right hand, till all His foes submit. And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. Chorus
5. Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come And take His servants up To their eternal home! Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

¹ So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. ² And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' ³ The Lord your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the Lord has spoken. ⁴ And the Lord will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. ⁵ And the Lord will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, though the evil one offered you the kingdoms of the world and all their glory, you faithfully served your Father, and established an everlasting kingdom through your death and resurrection. Therefore, you call us to lay up treasures for ourselves not on earth, but in heaven, reminding us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Yet we confess that our hearts are often set on what is of this age rather than the age to come. We are discontent when we should be full of gratitude for the many signs of your abundant grace. We are envious when we should be seeking your kingdom and its righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. And renew us, that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for you, who for our sake died and was raised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary; Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin; Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus 1

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us, Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

The Power of the Cross

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as its maker bows His head; Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished," the vict'ry cry! Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For, through Your suffring, I am free; Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus 2

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us; What a love, what a cost! We stand, forgiven, at the cross. REPEAT

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:1-12

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

SERMON "Born Again to a Living Hope" - Rev. Bob Davis

Christians Hope in an Eternal Inheritance: Peter Answers 7 Questions

1. What do Christians have? [3]

2. What is the Cause of Regeneration? [3]

3. What Means of this Regeneration? [3]

4. What does the Resurrection Produce in the Believer? [3]

5. What does the Resurrection of Christ Guarantee to the Believer? [4]

6, What is the Christian's Biblical Response to such Truth? [6-9]

7. What is the Ultimate Goal of all this? [7]

Therefore: What is the Foundation of your Hope?

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

 How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds, which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Chorus

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

3. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection!Why should I gain from His reward?I cannot give an answer;But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,O may I then in Him be found;Dressed in His righteousness alone,Faultless to stand before the throne.Chorus (2x)

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People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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