

3. A People Qualified by Grace (vv. 12b-14)

Out of darkness, into his light

Heirs of the kingdom

Application and Discussion

Consider vv. 12b-14. Why is it so important to always come back to our identity in Christ?

How can you grow in filling your mind and heart with the knowledge of God's will?

In what ways have you seen a fuller knowledge of God's will lead to a changing walk of faith in Christ for yourself, others, the church, etc.?

What are some ways you can prayerfully partner with others to pursue a walk of faith that is pleasing to the Lord?

In what ways can you emulate Paul's practice of sharing his prayers with the people for whom he prayed? How might doing so be an encouragement to others in their walk of faith?

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday, May 23, 2020

10:45 a.m.

SILENT MEDITATION

Psalm 23:1-2

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is~Livingston

Catie Moyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save, he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

We will praise the Lord for our salvation and for his great love! Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF ADORATION

Rejoice the Lord is King

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Exodus 20:4-6

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103.8-12

CONFESSION OF FAITH

From the *Westminster Confession of Faith* 8.2

We believe that the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is truly the eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father. In the fullness of time he took on himself the nature of man, with all the essential qualities and ordinary frailties of mankind—except that he was sinless.

We believe that he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance. These two complete, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead

and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in the one person of Jesus without being altered, disunited or jumbled.

We believe that Jesus is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adam Bruyere

SONGS OF PREPARATION

Here is Love
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:9-14

SERMON

A Prayer for Fullness in Christ

Rev. Chad Reynolds

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Adam Bruyere, elder

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in Dialogue~Clerambault

Colossians 1:9-14

A Prayer for Fullness in Christ

May 23, 2021

1. Paul Communicates His Prayer to the Colossians

The reason for it, the habit he followed, and the content of it (v.9)

2. A Prayer for Fullness in Christ

We are vessels to be filled (v. 9)

So that we might be fit for the walk of faith (vv. 10-12a)

Bearing fruit, growing, being strengthened, giving thanks (see also Colossians 2:6-7)

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Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days.
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, and my life be to Thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me. Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy word.
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me.
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus

Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grace, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed.

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus

Oh sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

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THE CHURCH AT LARGE

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Denomination—Reformed Seminary—Dr. Ligon Duncan
Missionaries—Debbie Richards—Japan
National and Regional Leadership

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Beth (Dowdle) Bell—starting chemo
Reynolds Family—finishing school, moving, adjusting
Anne Nabors—heart ablation in June
Eunice Edgeman—recovery from recent medical issues
Terry Baxley—strength and protection as he heals
Hope Natiello—faith in a long journey
Mahlon and Gail Moore—time together
Al Licalzi—great news from last tests
Kathy Beasley—settling parents' estate

THOSE EXPECTING

Kelli Baxley—girl, due in June
Jordan (Thomas) Orr—due in June
Rachel Knowlton—due in August
Alyssa Trail—due in November

To put requests on the weekend prayer chain, contact

Pat Watts 864-871-0556 or Anne Edwards 683-5757

May Financial Report

Income Week 1	\$5,802.18
Income Week 2	\$7,790.00
Income Week 3	\$6,520.10
Income Week 4	
Income Week 5	
Operating Income MTD	\$20,112.28
Total Expenses MTD	\$16,954.47
Operating Income YTD	\$123,872.72
Total Expenses YTD	\$95,781.60
YTD Total Income over	\$28,091.12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The installation of Chad Reynolds will be this afternoon at 4:00 in our sanctuary. All are encouraged to be here for this wonderful time of celebration as Chad officially begins his ministry to and with us. Please join us for a celebratory reception in the fellowship hall after the installation.

Congratulations to Lynn and Parker Mims on the birth of another grandson, Jack Anderson Bruns, born on May 14, to Graham and Erin Bruns, weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces.

Save the date! On Saturday, June 26 at 5:00 P.M. Westminster will host An Evening of Music for Cello and Organ. This free concert will feature Jonathan Simmons on cello and Catie Moyer on organ.