



The Lord's Day | May 8, 2022
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Preparation

Prelude

Call Worship

Psalm 107:1, 28-32

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ... They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

All: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Leader: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Adoration

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Hymn 521

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 27 and 28

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Leader: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

All: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-2

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Acts 10:43

Leader: To him (Jesus) all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Song and Hymn of Assurance

Your Will Be Done

Your will be done, my God and Father as in heaven, so on earth.
My heart is drawn to self exalting, help me seek your kingdom first.

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk held by your same unchanging love.
Be still my soul, O, lift your voice and pray, Father not my will but yours be done.

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know.
The fearful weight of true obedience it was held by him alone.

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed:
Father not my will but yours be done.

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt.
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne.
My heart restored with all your saints I sing:
Father, not my will but yours be done.

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight.
That all the world might see your glory and your name be lifted high.

And in this name we overcome, for you shall see us safely home.
Now as your church. we lift our voice and pray:
Father, not my will but yours be done.

There Is a Fountain

Hymn 253

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
'til all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
'til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

New Members

John, Jennifer & Will Anderson
Tom & Andrea McMahan

Church Life Announcements

Prayer for Offering

Offering/Offertory

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology

Hymn 731

Pastoral Prayer

Jeff Smith

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

The Gospel of Mark
"Chaos and Exhaustion"

Rev. Chris Florence

Hymn of Rejoicing

O the Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus

Hymn 535

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;

how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Benediction

Postlude

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Sermon Questions for May 8, 2022
The Gospel of Mark “Chaos and Exhaustion”
Mark 4:35-41

1. After a long and exhausting day, Jesus led those who followed him into a great storm (Mk 4:37). Through this account Jesus shows us that discipleship will be more dangerous than we often think (Mk 4: 38). Following Jesus will be dangerous and not just difficult. How does that statement hit you and why? Describe some ways that discipleship can be dangerous and not simply difficult.

2. The Holy Spirit affirms through Mark’s gospel that the chaos, difficulty, and danger the disciples experienced was real. It was literally recorded as a “mega” storm in the original Greek. Why is it often difficult to affirm and admit when we are experiencing legitimate difficulties? Another way to ask the same question is, “Why are we often tempted to minimize the depth and legitimacy of our difficulties?” How can Psalm 88 help guide our response to legitimate hardships?

3. Through the difficulty and danger of the storm, Jesus revealed to the disciples what was happening deep within their hearts. The Bible teaches that our Father does at times lead his dearly loved children into difficult and dangerous situations so that they might become aware of the hidden sins still rooted in their hearts. The storm wasn’t discipline for sin, but a means to reveal what is deep within. Read Deut 8:2. God didn’t need to know what was in their hearts. They needed to know. How can knowing this reshape the way we think about the mega storms we experience?

4. Describe a time Jesus revealed a sin struggle in your heart through a storm?

5. Why do you think American Christians tend to overlook or minimize Jesus’ physical exhaustion, which was one of the reasons he experienced such deep sleep? How does Jesus’ genuine and deep physical exhaustion provide hope and encouragement?

6. Where do you see God’s grace in this passage?