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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

Sunday, 17 March, 2024

✦ Indicates standing if able

WELCOME & GREETING

Ruling Elder Bradley Chwastyk



INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1–4

“Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.”

✦ HYMN

Nº 01

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION OF SIN

Ezekiel 37:1–14

“The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.” ’ ” So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath,

prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. ' " So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,' says the LORD."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:5-11

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."

❖ HYMN

Nº 02

By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

THE WORD PREACHED

Reading of Scripture
"The Parable of the Sower"

Mark 4:1-20
Ruling Elder Bradley Chwastyk

❖ HYMN

Nº 03

Nothing But the Blood

BENEDICTION



Please join us for a time of prayer. Taco Dinner to follow.

* CLOSING PRAYER HYMN

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Nº 04

SERMON NOTES

"The Parable of the Sower"

Mark 4:1-20

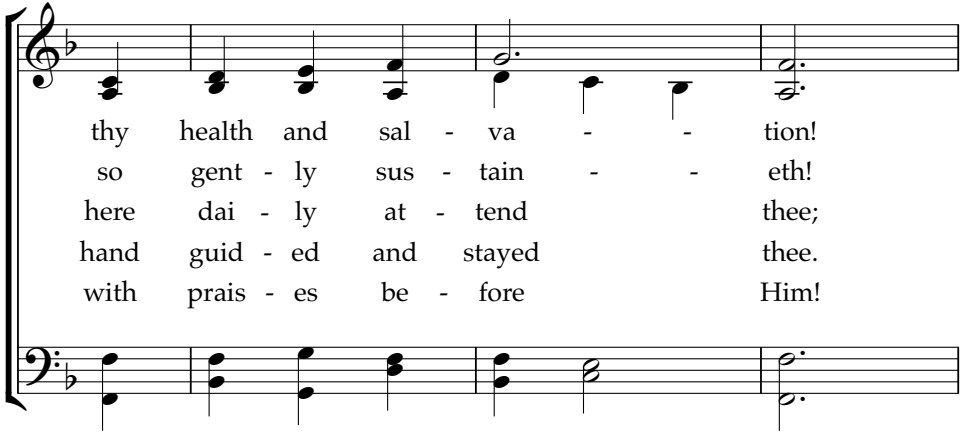
1 And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. 2 Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: 3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And it happened, as he sowed, *that some seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. 5 Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. 7 And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." 9 And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 10 But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. 11 And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, 12 so that "*Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.*" 13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. 18 Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

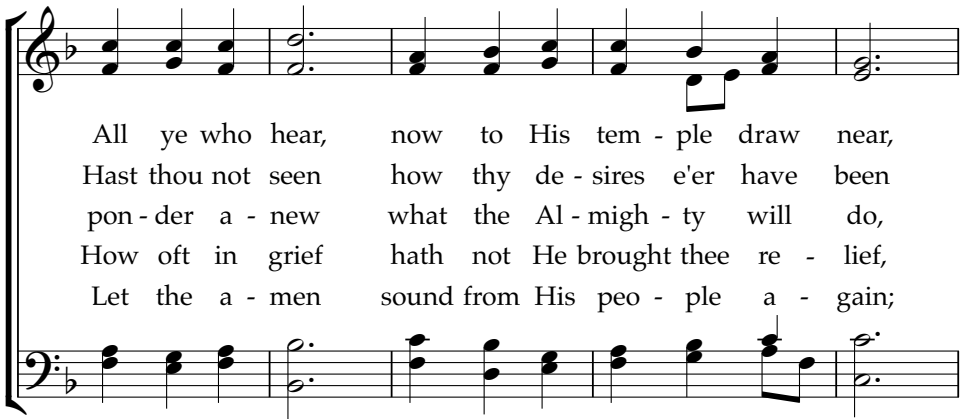
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty,
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel -
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that

the King of cre - a - - tion!
 so won - drous - ly reign - - eth,
 thy work and de - fend thee!
 ous wis - dom hath - made thee,
 is in me a - dore Him!

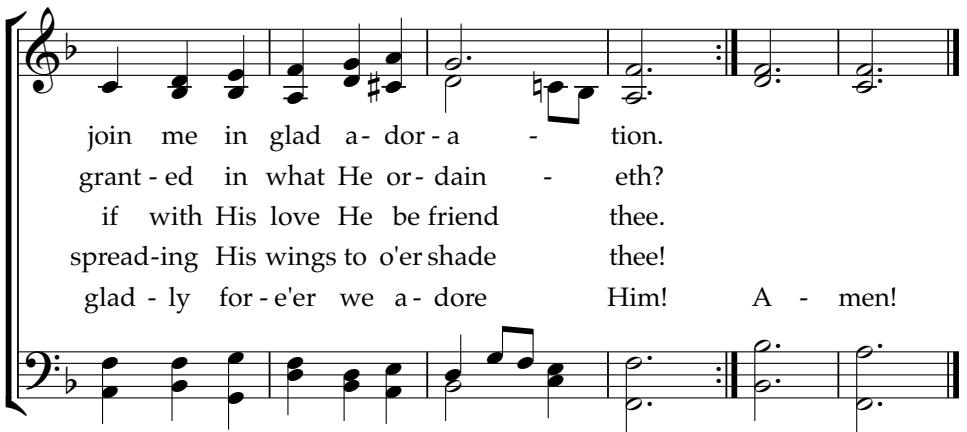
O my soul, praise Him, for He is
 shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea,
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy
 decked thee with health, and with lov - ing
 All that hath life and breath, come now



thy health and sal - va - - tion!
so gent - ly sus - tain - - eth!
here dai - ly at - tend thee;
hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
with prais - es be - fore Him!




All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near,
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty will do,
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re - lief,
Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad a - dor - a - - tion.
grant - ed in what He or - dain - - eth?
if with His love He be friend thee.
spread - ing His wings to o'er shade thee!
glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore Him! A - men!

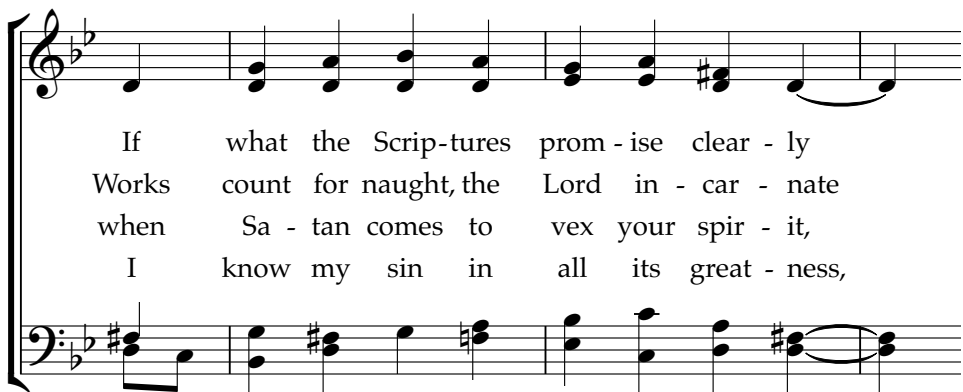
By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven



1. By grace I am an heir of heav - en:
 2. By grace a - lone shall I in - her - it
 3. By grace! These pre - cious words re - mem - ber
 4. By grace! Be this in death my com - fort;



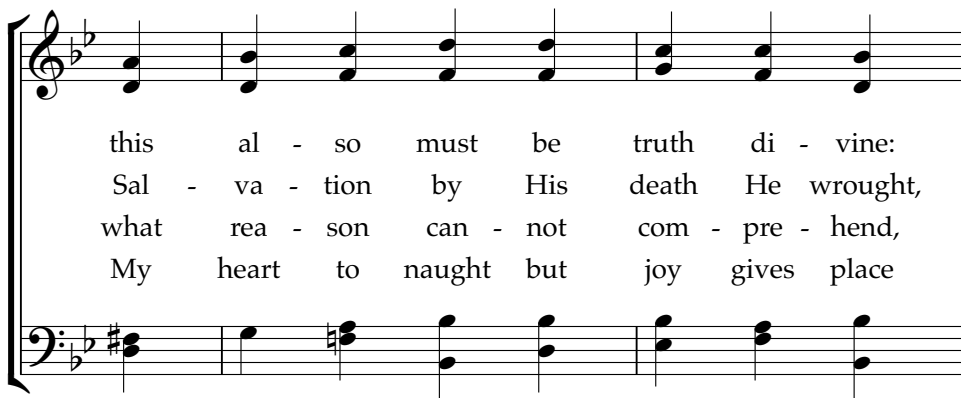
why doubt this, O my trem - bling heart?
 that bliss - ful home be - yond the skies.
 when sore - ly by your sins op - pressed,
 de - spite my fears, 'tis well with me.



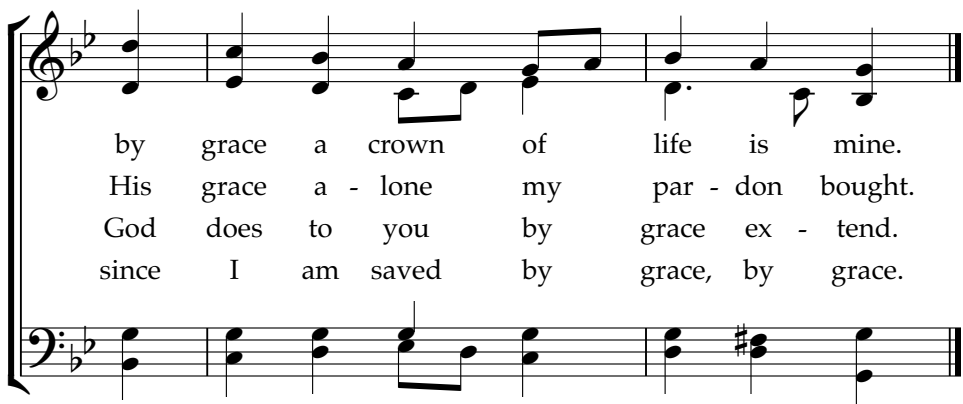
If what the Scrip - tures prom - ise clear - ly
 Works count for naught, the Lord in - car - nate
 when Sa - tan comes to vex your spir - it,
 I know my sin in all its great - ness,



is true and firm in ev - 'ry part,
has won for me the heav'n - ly prize.
when trou - bled con - science sighs for rest;
but al - so Him Who sets me free.



this al - so must be truth di - vine:
Sal - va - tion by His death He wrought,
what rea - son can - not com - pre - hend,
My heart to naught but joy gives place



by grace a crown of life is mine.
His grace a - lone my par - don bought.
God does to you by grace ex - tend.
since I am saved by grace, by grace.

Nothing But the Blood

Text and Music by Robert Lowry

PLAINFIELD

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my par - don this I see, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans - ing, this my plea, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Oh! pre - cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth - er fount I know, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Latin hymn

Tr. and adopted by Theodore Baker, 1899

ADORE THEE

Théodore Dubois, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, 1867

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - ev - er;

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - ev - er;

for on the ho - ly cross hast Thou the world from sin re - deem - ed.

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - ev - er;

and we do praise Thee for - ev - er. Christ, we do all a - dore Thee.