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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, September 19, 2021

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation

DALLAS WILLARD

“Imagine that you had discovered gold or oil on a certain property, and no one else knew. Can you see yourself being sad and feeling deprived for having to gather all your resources and sacrifice them in order to buy that property? Hardly. Now you know what it is like to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.”

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” - Gabriel/Ham

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

Leader: [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Leader: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

People: And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o: 170

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shine brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for ever more be thine.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o: 521

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (William Bradbury)
(piano: Marsha)

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.

Refrain

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

Confession of Sin

BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Ministry Moment

AMANDA CRAWFORD, PALMER HOME

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

“Rock of Ages” with “Hiding in Thee” arr. Tom Fettke

Dismiss Children For Children’s Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. **4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“The Cruciform Path: Friend or Foe?”

Hymn of Response*

N^o 573

“Am I a Soldier of the Cross”

- 1 Am I a soldier of the cross, a foll’wer of the Lamb, and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?
- 2 Must I be carried to the skies on flow’ry beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?
- 3 Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood? Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?
- 4 Sure I must fight if I would reign: increase my courage, Lord; I’ll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by thy Word.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

Plans are still in place for this event scheduled for October 9 at Bay Pointe Golf Club. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and tee times will begin at 12. There’ll be a short devotion at 11:45 by Pastor John. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board or call the office and let Barbara know you would like to be added. **The cost this year is \$40/person** which includes the **golf** and a “to go” type **lunch box**. Also, if anyone wishes to donate prizes for the tournament, you can leave them at the Church office.

Sermon Notes

Philippians 3:17-4:1

“The Cruciform Path: Friend or Foe?”

I. Problems With Walking As Enemies of the Cross

A. The Picture

B. The Peril

C. The Pleasure

D. The Perception

E. The Pursuit

II. Privileges of Walking the Cruciform Path

A. Similarity to Christ

B. Citizenship in Heaven

C. Security for Eternity

D. Standing Firm in the Lord

Announcements

Communion: Prepare your hearts to celebrate the Lord’s Supper on Oct 3rd.

Sunday Night: Parents and children will meet this evening at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents (**husbands** and wives encouraged and welcomed to come) will begin a new book on marriage with John and Ashley Belknap leading. Children will eat, study *The Young Peacemaker*, and play. Questions?? Please see Nate or Susan Inman.

byFaith Magazines: byFaith magazines have arrived and are in the breezeway.

Adult Sunday School: Jackie Thompson is leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Everyone is invited to come, bring your Bibles, and join in the study of the first book of the New Testament.

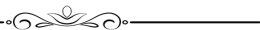
Middle School Students & Parents: Devo and Donuts will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday that school is in session. We will meet at 7:15 a.m., eat donuts, have a devotional by Gary Morrison, play a quick game and walk the kids over to BMS. This is open to kids grades 6th-8th. Contact Davida Curtis with any questions. Our next meeting is September 22.

Ladies: Our 2021/22 Bible Study began Tuesday, Sep. 7. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m. Our book, “Steadfast” by Courtney Doctor can be picked up in the office. (Sign the clipboard please.)

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Sept 12	77
Live Views		17
Total Online Views		21
Sunday School		63
Last Week’s Offering:		\$6,671.00
Online Giving:		\$4,505.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$304,157.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$250,635.00 (+53,522.00)

BELL RINGERS: Today: Joel Ouzts Next Week: Keaton Hoge



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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** David and Robin White (Atlanta: Field Support)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Palmer Home
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ceili and Lisa Lee
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Linda Harrison:** had a seizure on September 11 but is much improved after quick treatment at UMMC. Please remember her and Rich in your prayers.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now living with her mother. She gets a daily visit from a home health nurse since she still requires a lot of help.
- **Bill Glover:** Bill saw the vascular doctor this week and after tests it appears that his pain is not a result of vascular issues.
- **Jimmy Carman:** is having a scan to see if he has an aneurysm (unrelated to eye issue). His eye may be improving but isn't expected to.
- **Lois Carman:** surgery to remove her gallbladder on Friday, August 27 went well. Continue to pray for her as she recovers.
- **David Anderson:** (Kerri Matthew's uncle) had surgery on August 16; removed 80 percent of the brain tumor; waiting on future pathology reports.
- **Erin Clayton:** fell last month and fractured her left shoulder. Surgery has been postponed due to the upsurge in Covid cases. Please pray for God's healing and for Erin's comfort and ease during this time of waiting.
- **Jim Neill:** is recovering from a fall in which he dislocated his shoulder and got some bad gashes.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
- **Danny Fillingner** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking. He will begin 4 to 6 weeks of radiation treatments at MD Anderson soon.
- **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): passed into eternity Thursday morning, September 9th. We do so appreciate all the prayers that have gone up for her.
- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. We are so very thankful and grateful to report that Jim has had another stable scan. We are so appreciative of all the pray-ers and all the prayers from our church family.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); has undergone several rounds of chemo prescribed by MDA. The tumors have remained stable; doctors are please with this, as there are ongoing studies and trials which seem promising. This stability buys time in hopes that a new treatment will emerge that will be successful.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, , Laverne Roberts



- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)