



DOWNTOWN
P R E S B Y T E R I A N

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, May 5, 2024

REFLECTIONS

I felt so sure of everything
My love to you so well received
And I just strutted 'round your town
Knowing I didn't let you down
The truth be known, the truth be told
My heart was always fairly cold
Posing to be as warm as yours
My way of getting in your world
But now I'm out and I've had time
To look around and think
And sink into another world
That's filled with guilt and overwhelming
Shame

— The Avett Brothers, *Shame*

The best and highest saint is a poor, weak creature, even at his best times. Whether he knows it or not, he carries within him an almost boundless capacity of wickedness, however fair and decent his outward conduct may seem. There is no enormity of sin into which he may not run if he does not watch and pray, and if the grace of God does not hold him up. When we read the falls of Noah, Lot and Peter, we only read what might possibly befall any of ourselves. Let us never presume. Let us never indulge in high thoughts about our own strength.

— J.C. Ryle

For those who are hearing impaired:

Please switch to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position on your hearing aid or cochlear device, in order to access our hearing loop. If you do not have a T-Coil, a receiver for our hearing assistance system and instructions for the FM+ system for smartphones is available at our sound booth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

§ Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Psalm 105:1–4

*Elder: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

*All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

*Elder: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

*All: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*

§ Congregation
Standing

§ Hymn of Adoration

Almighty God

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears.
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy;
Come with your light, we cannot hide from you.

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;
With gratitude we raise our song to you.
Come and fill the praises of your people;
In grace and truth, you make us new again.

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Almighty God to you all hearts are open;
We long for more than what this world provides.
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us;
Your river deep floods over everything. *(Refrain)*

To you all hearts are open, Almighty God;
To you all hearts are open, Almighty God.
To you all hearts are open, Almighty God;
To you all hearts are open... *(Refrain)*

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& MUSIC

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Music (ASCAP)

*If you are caring for
a child and need to
step out of the service
with him/her, feel free
to move to our lobby
or to the chapel on the
nursery hallway. The
service can be viewed
from both locations.*

Silent Confession & General Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father, together we confess our vanity and pride. The approval of others has been our greatest ambition, and the rejection of others our greatest fear. We go about our days thirsting for glory. When it finds us, we boast, and when it eludes us, we self-pity. We flatter the powerful and ignore the poor. Even in our virtue we want to be noticed and admired. Forgive our arrogance and fill our hungry souls with your approval and love. May your gospel favor be better to us than all the praises of this world.

Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 5:6–8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

§ Hymn of the Gospel

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus on the cross of Calvary.
He declares his work is finished, he has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that cross.

Now the curse it has been broken, Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon he has offered, great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that cross.

Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son, who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed.
Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory, to my Savior and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that cross.

WORDS & MUSIC

Jonny Robinson,
Rich Thompson,
and Nigel
Hendroff

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Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

Mark 14:27-31, 50, 66-72, 16:7

²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

⁵⁰ And they all left him and fled.

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

After the Lord's Prayer, preschoolers attending children's church are dismissed.

Children may be picked up from the narthex during communion.

WHEN
DISCIPLES
FALL AWAY

Rev. Sam Taaffe

16:7 “But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Please let your usher know the elements need to be brought to you.

The common cup and unmarked trays contain wine.

The crackers are gluten, nut, and dairy free.

*Pastor: Let us therefore proclaim the mystery of the faith:
All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.*

*Pastor: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us.
All: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Pastor: Now take this bread and this cup, remembering that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayers of Reflection for Those Not Partaking

- Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me into the life you promise.*
- Prayer for Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord.*

§ Hymn of Response

All I Have Is Christ

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& MUSIC

Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
A rebel to your will.
And if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Now Lord I would be yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands
Could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way you choose,
And let my song forever be
My only boast is you. (*Chorus 2x*)

§ Benediction

Announcement of
God's blessing upon
his people.

§ Dismissal

*Pastor: Let us go out to serve our world and our city as those
who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan for a full list of upcoming events and registrations.



Missions Update

TODAY | 10AM | 3RD FLOOR ADULT ED SPACE

DPC Missionaries Mikael and Zuzanna Römer will be sharing about their life and ministry in Krakow, Poland during the Sunday School hour. Come hear more about how we can support and pray for the Römers and their work in Poland. We will have childcare for nursery-aged children during the hour for parents attending this update.

Foster Care 101

MAY 19 | 10AM | 3RD FLOOR ADULT ED SPACE

Becoming a foster parent can be overwhelming if you don't know where to start. If you've ever wondered how to take a step toward fostering, join us for a session to demystify the foster care process, hosted by staff from Miracle Hill. Even if you're not ready or able to foster yet, come to this informative meeting to help you better understand how you can serve children in foster care. Childcare will be available for nursery age children for parents attending Foster Care 101. More details coming soon.

CITYSERVE SPOTLIGHT: Adoption & Foster Care

May is Adoption and Foster Care Awareness month. Throughout the month there will be several opportunities to learn more about adoption and foster care and how you can love and support families going through this process. Stop by the table in the lobby today to learn more about becoming a guardian ad litem and their role in adoption and foster care.



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