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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 31, 2019
Season of Lent



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our Hymn of Preparation, “No Longer Slaves,” was written by Melissa and Jonathan Helsers. It is one of the most beloved contemporary songs today because of its rich biblical allusions and its primary theme: freedom from fear.

The lyrics were born out of the Helsers’ devotional study of the Exodus account. Jonathan writes, “I saw the picture of the Israelites going through the Red Sea — it was the moment that they left their slavery and became the children of God. They saw the depth of their Father’s love, which parted the Red Sea for them and brought them into His Promised Land. This [story] is my testimony as well — the Father reached in, delivered me, and drowned my fear.”

Truly, this song is the testimony of all believers. Much like God’s rescue of Israel in Exodus, it reminds us of the New Exodus in Christ. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has not only freed us from our ultimate bondage but has also made us the true Children of God.

The Apostle John says the perfect love of God casts out fear. Therefore, may we all rest in the love of God and praise Him for sending His Son, our Rescuer.

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

Galatians 4:5-7

PRAISE OUR GLORIOUS FATHER

ORGAN PRELUDE:

“Andante larghetto et staccato” from *Concerto in G Minor* . . . G. F. Handel; arr. Dupré
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: “He Shall Feed His Flock” G. F. Handel

Robin Branch, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Burns

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 111 “This Is My Father’s World” TERRA BEATA

Words: Maltbie Babcock / Music: Franklin Sheppard; arr. Metzger / Acts 4:24

Children’s Choir:

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

Kate and Rainer Witherington, duet

“This Is My Father’s World” is our hymn of the month.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings stanzas 2-3*

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

CHORAL PRAISE: “How Can I Keep From Singing?” arr. Michael Burkhardt

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation,
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

What if my joys and comforts die, I know that Christ is living.
What though the darkness ‘round me close? Still Christ His light is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to the rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace from Christ makes fresh my heart, His song of hope is springing.
All things are mine since Christ I've found. How can I keep from singing?

*Spirit and Song Children's Choir
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist
Christy Young, director*

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 6 Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

How many persons are in the one God?

**Three persons are in the one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
These three are one God,
the same in substance and equal in power and glory.**

This catechism question will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS REDEEMER

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake;
yet we have strayed from Your way.
We confess we are more apathetic than active,
callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient,
legalistic than loving.
You know how often we are indifferent to Your love,
neglect Your Word, distrust Your goodness,
and harbor hate for our neighbors.
In Your deep mercy, forgive us;
in Your abundant grace, renew us;
by Your Spirit, rekindle our love for You
in seeing anew Your love for us in Christ.
It's in His precious name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I John 1:8-9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thanks Be to Thee" G. F. Handel

Words: Jerry Harris / Music: G. F. Handel; arr. Harris / Psalm 23

Thanks be to Thee. Glory and praise we sing to Thee.
For Thy great mercies, thanks be to Thee.
Like as a shepherd hast Thou been our guide,
Through the dark valley, Thou wast ever by our side.
Thanks be to Thee. Lord, God Almighty, thanks be to Thee.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

**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.**

WALK BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

**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 evil:
 For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words: Jonathan Helser / Music: Jonathan Helser; arr. Galbraith / Psalm 139

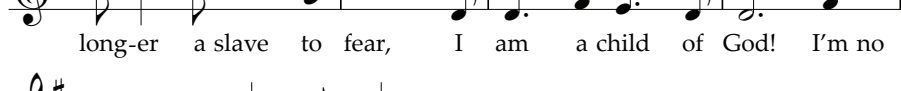
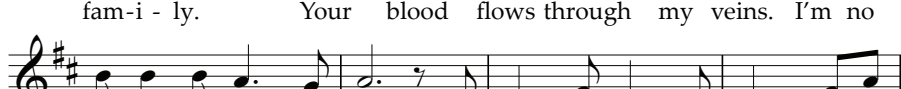
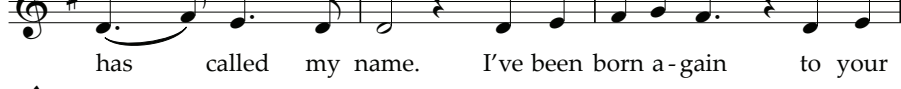
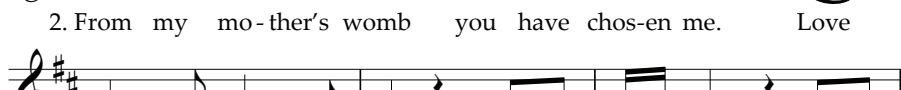
Soloist:

You unravel me with a melody. You surround me with a song
 Of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.
 I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.
 I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

*Daija McNeil, soloist
 Jill Peak, piano*

♠Congregation stands and sings:

Introduction & Interlude



Interlude



Refrain

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears are drowned in per - fect love. You res-cued

me and I will stand and sing. I am a child of God!

God! I'm no long-er a slave to fear, I am a child of

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 2:11-25
 (page 45 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON *His Story of Redemption* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 535 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" . . . EBENEZER
 Words: Samuel Francis / Music: Thomas Williams; arr. Rawsthorne / Ephesians 3:18-19

♣ BENEDECTION (please raise hands)

♣ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Albert Travis

♣ Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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I. Acknowledge Need (*Exodus 2:11-14*)

A. Death

B. Deliverance

II. Receive Supply (*Exodus 2:24-25*)

A. Intellectual

B. Emotional

III. Gratefully Respond (*Exodus 2:16-22*)

A. Groan

B. Imitate

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