

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

Traditional Irish melody; ancient Irish text translated by Mary E. Byrne, set to verse by Eleanor H. Hull

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou, and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymn: "How Rich a Treasure We Possess"

Words and music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

How rich a treasure we possess, in Jesus Christ our Lord. His blood, our ransom and defense; His glory, our reward. The sum of all created things are worthless in compare, For our inheritance is Him whose praise angels declare. How free and costly was the love, displayed upon the cross! While we were dead in untold sin the Sovereign purchased us. The will of God the Father demonstrated through the Son. The Spirit seals the greatest work, the work which Christ has done.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained! The penalty was paid in full; the spotless Lamb was slain. Salvation, what a priceless gift received by grace through faith, We stand in robes of righteousness; we stand in Jesus' name.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Amen.

Hymn: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Words and music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul, I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by, but life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light, but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul, I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness, my value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Time of Prayer

Sermon: "Fallen Is Babylon" Revelation 18 (ESV)

¹ After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. ² And he called out with a mighty voice,

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit,

a haunt for every unclean bird,

a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

³ For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,

and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,

and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."

⁴Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says,

I sit as a queen,

I am no widow,

and mourning I shall never see.'

⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,

death and mourning and famine,

and she will be burned up with fire;

for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰ They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

"Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come." ¹¹ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, ¹² cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

"The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!"

¹⁵ The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

"Alas, alas, for the great city
that was clothed in fine linen,
in purple and scarlet,
adorned with gold,
with jewels, and with pearls!
For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste."

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off ¹⁸ and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

"What city was like the great city?"

¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

"Alas, alas, for the great city
where all who had ships at sea
grew rich by her wealth!
For in a single hour she has been laid waste.
Rejoice over her, O heaven,

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!"

²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

"So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more;
and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, and the light of a lamp

will shine in you no more,
and the voice of bridegroom and bride
will be heard in you no more,
for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints

And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

Hymn: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Words: Rhea F. Miller. Music: George Beverly Shea

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold; I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands; I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause; I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame; I'd rather be true to His holy name

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom; He's sweeter than honey from out the comb; He's all that my hungering spirit needs; I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

Benediction

1 Corinthians 16:23 (ESV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.