



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, May 22, 2022

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

*Words: Joachim Neander.*

*Music: “Straslund Gesangbuch,” harmonized by W. Sterndale Bennett.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wonderfully reigneth  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth,  
hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly forever adore Him!

**Hymn: “Before the Throne Above”**

*Words: Vikki Cook and Charitie Lees Bancroft. Music: Vikki Cook*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable "I Am," the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

### **Hymn: "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"**

*Words: Samuel Rodigast. Music: Jeff Bourque.*

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth.  
I will be still whate'er He doth, and follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall.  
And so to Him, I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He hath sent. His hand can turn my griefs away,  
and patiently, I wait His day, His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup I'm drinking  
may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.  
My God is true each morn anew. Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
and pain and sorrow shall depart, sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right. Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care is 'round me there. He holds me that I shall not fall,  
and so to Him I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall.  
And so to Him, I leave it all, He holds me that I shall not fall.

### **Time of Prayer**

## Sermon: "Pleasures Forevermore"

### Psalm 17 (ESV)

A PRAYER OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!  
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- <sup>2</sup> From your presence let my vindication come!  
Let your eyes behold the right!
- <sup>3</sup> You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,  
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;  
I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- <sup>4</sup> With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who do me violence,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.
- <sup>10</sup> They close their hearts to pity;  
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
- <sup>11</sup> They have now surrounded our steps;  
they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.
- <sup>12</sup> He is like a lion eager to tear,  
as a young lion lurking in ambush.
- <sup>13</sup> Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him!  
Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,
- <sup>14</sup> from men by your hand, O LORD,  
from men of the world whose portion is in this life.  
You fill their womb with treasure;  
they are satisfied with children,  
and they leave their abundance to their infants.
- <sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

## **Hymn: “There Is a Redeemer”**

*Words and music: Melody Green.*

There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face;  
there I'll serve my King forever in that Holy Place.

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit, till the work on earth is done.

## **Benediction**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, 28**

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

<sup>28</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.