



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
C O M M U N I T Y C H U R C H

Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “Across the Lands”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

You’re the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry; with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict’ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;  
and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

### **Hymn: “Hail the Day That Christ Arose”**

*Words adapted from Charles Wesley;*

*new words and music by Steve Cook and Vikki Cook.*

Hail the day that Christ arose through the skies to worlds unknown.  
Glorious there He ever reigns, object of all heaven’s praise.,

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, His grace will lead us safely home.

See Him lift His hands above, see the scars of His great love.  
He has conquered death and sin, saving all who hope in Him.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, His grace will lead us safely home.

Though He dwells beyond the stars, His redeemed are on His heart.  
Even now He intercedes, Jesus cares for all our needs.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, His grace will lead us safely home.

Hallelujah, we are redeemed.  
Hallelujah, Jesus is King!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, the King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, His grace will lead us safely home.

### **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.

## **Time of Prayer**

### **Sermon: “Jesus Is Our High Priest”**

#### **Exodus 28:21 (ESV)**

There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes.

#### **Exodus 28:29 (ESV)**

So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD.

#### **Exodus 28:36–38 (ESV)**

<sup>36</sup>“You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, ‘Holy to the LORD.’ <sup>37</sup> And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. <sup>38</sup> It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

#### **Leviticus 16:11–22 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>“Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. <sup>12</sup> And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil <sup>13</sup> and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. <sup>14</sup> And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

<sup>15</sup>“Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. <sup>16</sup> Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. <sup>17</sup> No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. <sup>19</sup> And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

<sup>20</sup>“And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. <sup>21</sup> And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a

man who is in readiness. <sup>22</sup>The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

### **Leviticus 17:11 (ESV)**

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

### **John 1:29 (ESV)**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

### **John 19:30 (ESV)**

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### **Hebrews 10:1–4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? <sup>3</sup>But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. <sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

### **Hebrews 9:11–14 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

### **Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)**

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

### **Hebrews 10:11–14 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

### **Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)**

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

### **Romans 8:28–34 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

### **Luke 22:31–32 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

### **Hebrews 4:14–16 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Hymn: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”**

*Words: Aurelius C. Prudentius. Music: Plainsong, 13<sup>th</sup> Century.*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,  
underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best;  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

## **Benediction**

### **Hebrews 13:20–21 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.