

Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Prayer** 

#### Hymn: "Behold Our God"

Words and music: Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge.

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him. Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!

You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill the earth.) You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill the earth.) You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill the earth.) You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill . . .)

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#### Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Words: Anonymous German Hymn. Music: Schleische Volkslieder.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight And all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine.

#### Time of Prayer

# Sermon: "What Is the Problem" Romans 3:1–20 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? <sup>2</sup>Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup>What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? <sup>4</sup>By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

"That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

<sup>5</sup>But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) <sup>6</sup>By no means! For then how could

God judge the world? <sup>7</sup>But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? <sup>8</sup>And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

<sup>9</sup>What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written:

"None is righteous, no, not one;

11	no one understands;
	no one seeks for God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

<sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive."

"The venom of asps is under their lips."

- <sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."
- <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;
- <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,
- <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known."
- <sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

# Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Words: Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring. Music: George J. Elvey.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own; Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began, and ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man; who ev'ry grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,

and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, th'incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

### The Lord's Supper

# Song: "What a Day That Will Be"

Words and music by Jim Hill.

There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come, No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye. All is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore. What a day, glorious day that will be.

What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace. Then He'll take me by the hand and lead me through the Promise Land. Oh, what a day, glorious day that will be.

They'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear, no more sickness and no more pain, no more parting over there and forever I will be with the One who died for me. Oh, what a day, glorious day that will be.

What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace. Then He'll take me by the hand and lead me through the Promise Land. Oh, what a day, glorious day that will be.

#### 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.