



Sunday Evening Worship
Presider: Elder Joe Stehle
March 13, 2022

In this little psalm, therefore, the whole life, work and activity of the inner man is masterfully described. It is nothing else than relying on God and letting His will stand in every respect.

Martin Luther, Protestant reformer

Grace flows downhill.

Jack Miller, pastor/author

Call to Worship: Psalm 40: 1-3, 9-10

Leader I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People **I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

(Words: J. Wilbur Chapman 1910 Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811)

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Savior makes me whole

Jesus What a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my victory wins

*Hallelujah What a Savior
Hallelujah What a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night has found me
He my pilot hears my cry

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend 2001)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Call to Confession: 2 Peter 3:13-15a

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation...

Prayer of Confession:

Mighty God, you are the great creator who made all things from nothing. You are holy perfection, and we owe you perfect lives of adoration and praise. O God, if you kept a record of our sins and held us accountable for them, we could never stand before you for a moment, let alone know you, love you and come to you in time of need. Make us amazed, Father, that with you there is steadfast love and plentiful redemption. Fill our lukewarm hearts with deep and lasting gratitude for our perfect redemption in Christ. We confess we find it difficult to wait for you, Lord. Though you have saved us from our sin, are now saving us from ourselves and have promised us a full future salvation, we want our desires satisfied now. We want excellent health, financial security, peaceful relationships, fulfilling careers, perfect spouses and children, perfect churches, and freedom from weakness and besetting sins. We want heaven NOW, and struggle with anger and bitterness when your good providence calls for waiting, suffering or tribulation. We frantically rush to fix our problems and escape discomfort rather than quiet our hearts in trust before you. Forgive us, Father. Lord Jesus, you waited patiently upon your Father's timing and work in your humanity. You have been

patient for us; now be patient with us
and help us to grow into people who put
their hope in you and your Word and
wait for you more than watchmen for the
morning. Help us to wait in submission
for the fullness of our salvation, and to
celebrate joyfully in the tokens of that
salvation that you give us every day.
Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does
not retain his anger forever, because he
delights in steadfast love. He will again
have compassion on us; he will tread our
iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our
sins into the depths of the sea.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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within the corporate family of Christ. Please direct
giving online or via mail (cityreformed.org/give; 3929
Coleman St., 15207).*

Peace

(Words & Music: Sherri Youngward 2008)

Peace, be still.
Lay all your worries down.
Be still, O My soul
Our God is in control.

And if God is for us,
Then whom shall I fear?
For our God is with us
So lay down, be still.
He is God.

Hallelujah!

Our God has overcome.

Hallelujah!

Our Lord, Jesus Christ has won.

He is God.

Scripture & Homily:

Psalm 130

"A God Worth Waiting For..."

- Elder Jim Partridge

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Additional Scripture

Proverbs 16:6 / By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.

Psalm 27:13-14 / I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Psalm 123:2 / Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.

Isaiah 52:7-10 / How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Romans 2:4 / Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Introduction

The Psalmist's Plea v.1-2

The Psalmist's Meditation v.3-4

The Psalmist's Response v.5-6

The Psalmist's Exhortation, Testimony and Promise v.7-8

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PSALM 130

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1. ¹LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried, ²My Lord, give ear to
 2. ³LORD, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord, Shouldst mark in - i - qui -
 3. ⁵I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD; My hope is in His
 4. ⁷O Is - ra - el, hope in the LORD; The LORD saves gra - cious -

me. O hear my voice and heark - en to My
 ty? ⁴But yet with Thee for - give - ness is, That
 word, ⁶More than the watch - men wait for morn My
 ly. ⁸And He shall Is - ra - el re - deem From

sup - pli - cat - ing plea, My sup - pli - cat - ing plea.
 men may rev - 'rence Thee, That men may rev - 'rence Thee.
 soul waits for my Lord, My soul waits for my Lord.
 all in - i - qui - ty, From all in - i - qui - ty.

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Prayer Requests

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10:15 AM
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