

Sunday Evening Worship February 6, 2022

Call to Worship:

Matthew 6: 25,27,30,32-34

Leader Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

People And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

Leader But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

People For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

Leader But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

People Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Prayer of Invocation

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Words & Music: Martin Luther 1529)

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate--On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabbaoth, his name, From age to age the same--And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure--One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

Maker of the Heavens

(Words & Music : Jennifer Randolph 1986)

Maker of the Heavens Painter of the Sky The greatest work reserved for such as I The angels long to sing about The gift you gave to me The love of God so unrestrained and free

You oh Lord are the fragrance of my praise

The finest words could never bear my heart

You oh Lord are the essence of my praise

I treasure you for who you are

Maker of the Heavens Painter of the Sky The day will come when I will see your face

I've loved you since I've known you And I long to know you more Each day my heart sails farther from the shore

Call to Confession:

Isaiah 30:12-13,15

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,

"Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant...In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling...

Prayer of Confession:

Holy One, we confess that we are people who do not trust you. We are stubborn and rebellious, habitually unwilling to hear your loving, fatherly instruction. We have carried out our own plans for our lives, disregarding your loving plan, or treating it as second best when that plan involves pain or not getting what we want.

Dear Jesus, what a specific, staggering, atoning love you have shown us in the midst of our weakness. On our behalf, you flawlessly trusted your Father as you relied perfectly on his Spirit.

Help us, our Father, to trust you in the midst of this earthly life. Help us to find our all in all in no less than Jesus Christ himself. Cause us to live so that others would see that the strength to trust you could never come from us. Remind us that our freedom has fully and finally been bought by the precious blood of Jesus. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 30: 18,29

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Jesus I My Cross Have Taken (Words: Henry Lyte 1825 Music: Bill Moore 2001)

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast Life with trials hard may press me Heaven will bring me sweeter rest Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul then know thy full salvation Rise o'er sin and fear and care Joy to find in every station Something still to do or bear Think what Spirit dwells within thee Think what Father's smiles are thine Think that Jesus died to win thee Child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory Armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal days before thee God's own hand shall guide us there Soon shall close thy earthly mission Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition Faith to sight and prayer to praise

Scripture & Homily:

Psalm 125
"In God We Trust"

- Elder Jim Partridge

¹Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out

their hands to do wrong.

⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

⁵ But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Additional Scripture

2 Kings 6:15-17/ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Sermon Outline

Main Idea: You must find your security in the character of God and His promises in Jesus Christ, and no where else.

Fallen Condition: We find our security elsewhere...

- 1. A Proposition
- 2. A Promise
- 3. A Petition
- 4. A Warning
- 5. A Benediction

Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 125 | Taste and See

(Words: Michael Morgan 2011 Music: traditional Hebrew melody)

Those who place on God reliance In despair shall not be moved As the mountains hug the valley So embraced are God's beloved

Everlasting is Mount Zion From creation's dawn till night So eternal is God's promise To the righteous and upright

God's good blessings shall be given To all those who seek God's will Just rewards shall be their fortune God is with us with us still

Those who work against God's healing Have their ill with ill repaid All the righteous of God's people Find their full redemption made

Benediction

Notes

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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.

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Sunday Morning Worship Service

10:15 AM Winchester Thurston Auditorium 5059 Ellsworth Ave Pittsburgh PA, 15213

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5:30 PM Greenfield Chapel 3929 Coleman Street Pittsburgh PA, 15207

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