

# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 21, 2021

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you.

**My soul thirsts for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

I have looked upon you in the sanctuary.

**I have seen your power and glory. I remember holy moments and holy memories in this place.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

## HYMN                      "My Song Is Love Unknown"                      No. 76

1 My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
That for my sake  
My Lord should take  
Frail flesh, and die?

And for His death  
They thirst and cry.

2 Christ came from heaven's  
throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But people scorned and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend,  
My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need  
His life did spend!

4 They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet steadfast He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes

From thence might free.

3 Sometimes they strew His way,  
And His sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the way  
Hosannas to their King,  
Then "Crucify!"  
Is all their breath,

5 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine:  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend,  
In whose sweet  
Could gladly spend.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sin, but forgive our iniquity, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and takes on new life, it remains just a single grain. With grateful hearts, let us bring the fruit of our lives to God.

*The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, [cazpres.org](http://cazpres.org).*

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION

All that we have and all that we are belong to you, O Lord. Take these gifts, take the offering of our lives, and use us to bring healing, forgiveness, and love in this world you love so dearly.

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**GOSPEL:** John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it

again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[a]</sup> to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**SERMON**

“Unless You Die...”

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**HYMN**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

No. 101

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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