

Sunday, 20 March 2022

..O Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore..

Psalm 131:3 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Lord, Thee my God, I'll early seek:

my soul doth thirst for Thee;
my flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be:

That I Thy power may behold,
and brightness of Thy face,
as I have seen Thee heretofore
within Thy holy place.

Since better is Thy love than life,
my lips Thee praise shall give.
I in Thy name will lift my hands,
and bless Thee while I live.

Psalm 63

Prayer

Reading

Psalm 131

A song of ascents.

¹ My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted myself,
I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore.

Children's Talk

Praise

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

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Prayer

Praise

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own;
all I once thought gain I have counted loss
spent and worthless now, compared to this.
Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing:
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness;
and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn
all surpassing gift of righteousness.
Knowing You...

O to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings;
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.
Knowing You...

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Prayer

Message

The Path Of Life: Learning Contentment

Prayer

Praise

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:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every 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 power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Art thou afraid His pow'r shall fail

when comes thy evil day?
And can an all-creating arm
grow weary or decay?

Supreme in wisdom as in pow'r
the Rock of ages stands;
though Him thou canst not see, nor trace
the working of His hands.

He gives the conquest to the weak,
supports the fainting heart;
and courage in the evil hour
His heav'nly aids impart.

Mere human pow'r shall fast decay,
and youthful vigour cease;
but they who wait upon the Lord,
in strength shall still increase.

They with unweary'd feet shall tread
the path of life divine;
with growing ardour onward move
with growing brightness shine.

On eagles' wings they mount, they soar,
their wings are faith and love,
till, past the cloudy regions here,
they rise to heav'n above.

Paraphrase 22

Reading

Luke 8:34-56

³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were

afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Prayer

Praise

Mine are days that God has numbered,

I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.
*And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.*

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion city...

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Message

Handling Fear

Prayer

Praise

By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts,
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.
*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.
We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.
We will stand as children of the promise...

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Benediction

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Calendar for March

Sundays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

Saturdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 1st: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday 6th: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 8th: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 11th: Young Group at 7pm in the Hall; Young Adults at 7.30pm (Bowling)

Wednesday 16th: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 20th: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Friday 25th: Youth Group at 7pm in the Church Hall

Monday 28th: Mark Drama at 7.30pm

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