April 18, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

*Call to Worship

Psalm 61:1-5 (ESV)

Leader: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.

Congregation: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

*Song of Praise

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

1. O come, behold the works of God, the nations at His feet.

He breaks the bow and bends the spear and tells the wars to cease.

O Mighty One of Israel, You are on our side.

We walk by faith in God who burns the chariots with fire.

Lord of hosts, You're with us, with us in the fire, with us as a Shelter, with us in the storm. You will lead us through the fiercest battle. Oh, where else would we go but with the Lord of hosts.

2. O God of Jacob, fierce and great, You lift Your voice to speak.

The earth, it bows and all the mountains move into the sea.

O Lord, You know the hearts of men, and still You let them live.

O God who makes the mountains melt, come wrestle us and win.

Though oceans roar, You are the Lord of all, the One who calms the wind and waves and makes my heart be still. Though the earth gives way, the mountains move into the sea, the nations rage, I know my God is in control.

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Call to Confession

Leader: Thus says the LORD concerning this people: "They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet."

Congregation: "Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

O you hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night? Why should you be like a man confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot save?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us."

Song of Confession

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymn No. 457

1. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God: he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 34:11-15 (ESV)

Leader: "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD."

King of Love

*Song of Assurance

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever, and He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth. And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Never failing Ruler of my heart, everlasting Lover of my soul. On the mountain high or in the valley low, the King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is.

3. Lost and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me. And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark veil I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod and staff, my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.

Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah.

5. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise within Your house forever, within Your house forever.

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Offering

Pastoral Prayer

*Scripture Reading

Numbers 9:15-23 (ESV)

Morning Message

This Week's Missionary

Donn and Betty Treese, serving the Navigator's IUPUI International Student Ministry

This Week's Birthdays

April 18, Jane McDowell; April 19, Ray Raines; April 21, Ephraim Daugherty; April 25, Owen Ippel; April 26, Katrina Ippel, Nora Niccum; April 27, Dave Bilger The Lord's Table

Heidelberg Catechism #1 Leader: Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul. both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

> He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! Hymn No. 600

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

4. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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*Song of Response

Gloria Patri Hymn No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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*Benediction