

January 9, 2022

9:30 AM

GOD CALLS US

***Gathering Song**

Glorious Day

Hall/Bleecker

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
dwelt among men; my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us;
His glory revealed!

Refrain:

Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.

Buried, He carried my sins far away.

Rising, He justified freely forever.

One day, He's coming, O glorious day,

O glorious day.

One day they led him up Calv'ry's mountain,
one day they nailed Him to die on a tree;
suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
bearing our sins; my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
and took the nails for me.

Refrain

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
one day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered.
Now is ascended, my Lord, evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
from rising again.

Refrain

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
one day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing;
my Savior Jesus is mine.

Refrain

O glorious day, O glorious day!

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Preparation

Scripture for Meditation: 1 Corinthians 3:11
For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

***Call to Worship**

adapted from Isaiah 60:1-5

LEADER: Arise, shine; for your light has come! God's glory has risen upon us.

PEOPLE: Despite the state of this world: despite illness, despite fear; despite disappointment, despite injustice;

LEADER: despite sadness, despite violence; despite grief, and despite despair – God's glory will appear over us. Lift up your eyes and look around: see the light of God's hope, the light of God's peace, the light of God's joy, the light of God's love.

PEOPLE: Let us lift up our eyes and look around. Then we shall see and be radiant, our hearts shall thrill and rejoice.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (TH #521)

Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain x 2

GOD CLEANSSES US

Corporate Confession of Sin *adapted from* The Valley of Vision,
“Divine Promises,” p. 132

ALL: Glorious Jehovah, our Covenant God, all your promises in Christ Jesus are yes and amen, and all shall be fulfilled. You have spoken them, and they shall be done, commanded, and they shall come to pass. Yet we have often doubted you, have lived at times as if there were no God. Lord, forgive us that death in life, when we have found something apart from thee, when we have been content with ephemeral things. But through your grace we have repented; you have given us to read our pardon in the wounds of Jesus, and our souls do trust in him, our God incarnate, the ground of our lives, the spring of our hope. Teach us to be resigned to your will, to delight in your law, to have no will but yours, to believe that everything you do is for our good. Help us to leave our concerns in your hands, for you have power over evil, and bring from it an infinite progression of good, until your purposes are fulfilled. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

***Hymn of Assurance** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives (TH #281)*
Medley/American Folk Hymn/arr. Aitken

I know that my redeemer lives – glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives – glory, hallelujah!

Refrain:

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground – glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found – glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead – glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head – glory, hallelujah!

Refrain

He lives to bless me with his love – glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above – glory, hallelujah!

Refrain

He lives, all glory to his name! – glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same – glory, hallelujah!

Refrain x 2

Worship through Giving

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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Mary Berger & Connie Bouldin, vocals

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Children's Church may dismiss at this time.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

***Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Seeing Hope
Rev. Rob Herron

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response (BREAD)

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his
command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain:

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,
the rock of Christ?

Refrain

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

then sin and death will be destroyed,

and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

Refrain x 2

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

***Closing Song (CUP)**

There Is a Hope

Townend/Edwards

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part,
yet drives all doubt away.

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n.
My highest calling, and my deepest joy,
to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head;
a consolation, strong against despair –
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Savior there.

Through present suff'rings, future's fear,
He whispers courage in my ear;
for I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,
when I behold His face.

When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die,
and ev'ry longing satisfied;
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home.

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***God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing**