

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

GATHERING

WELCOME Mr. Stefan Wiltz

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Nothing But the Blood"

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Robert Norris

The triune God calling his church to worship him

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ

PROCLAMATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:34–40 Rebecca Wagner

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

We invite all graduating seniors to come forward to receive prayer from our elders.

HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, As wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there, until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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"How He Loves"

John Mark McMillan

He is jealous for me, Loves like a hurricane, I am a tree, Bending beneath the weight of his wind and mercy. When all of a sudden, I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory, I realize just how beautiful you are, And how great your affections are for me.

> Oh, how he loves us so, Oh, how he loves us, How he loves us so.

> > He loves us Oh, how he loves us, Oh, how he loves us, Oh, how he loves.

We are his portion and he is our prize, Drawn to redemption by the grace in his eyes. If grace is an ocean we're all sinking. So Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss, And my heart turns violently inside of my chest. I don't have time to maintain these regrets When I think about the way that. . .

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

page 172, pew Bible

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word

"The Gospel According to Moses"

Mr. Nate Robbins

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Paid It All"

Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall John Thomas Grape; arr. Adam Kunsberg

And I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find, thy pow'r and thine alone, Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

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BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

If you have an offering, please leave it in the back of the Sanctuary

2018 GRADUATING SENIORS

Laura DeRavin	Michael Jacobsen	Jacob Marmol	Mary Kate Skilling
Jack Essepian	Bready Johnston	Caleigh Mason	Yamei Usui
Rachel Fast	Faith Kean	Anna Mollard	Lily Velazco
Peter Gilbert	Peter King	Kathryn O'Halloran	Kristen Wahlbeck
Anna Gray	Jerry Krieger	Addy Rood	Julia Warker
Rebekah Hall	Colin Lawson	Caleb Shoultz	Johanna Willieme
Daniel Jacobsen	Jack MacCormack	Jamie Skilling	Laura Wormald

As a church family we celebrate with our graduating high school seniors and their families.

Please commit these young men and women to the Lord in prayer, asking God to bless them as he fulfills his promises in each of their lives (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

We welcome children in our worship service this evening.
Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.
A live feed of the service is available as you care for your children.
If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.
As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6

MORNING SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Sarai and Hagar" Genesis 16:1–16 Dr. Todd Smedley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

6:00 p.m.

"I Will Sing to the Lord" Exodus 15:1–18 Rev. Ron Meyer