

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

PRELUDE

“Elegy”  
*Ted Bickish, organ*

George Thalben-Ball

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Preserve Me, O My God”

Terra Beata

Preserve me, O my God; I put my trust in you.  
Lord, I confess, you are my Lord: no good have I but you.  
The godly ones on earth, those holy in your sight,  
The noble and majestic ones, fill me with great delight.

*Psalm 16:1-3*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Triune God calls his church to worship him*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people*

\*HYMN NO. 16

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

Kremser



1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in  
2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you; through  
3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer, to



grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring. We lay it be - fore you, we  
life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been. When per - ils o'er - take us, es -  
you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our



kneel and a - dore you; we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
cape you will make us, and with your help O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
God is be - side us; to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and you alone and done what is evil in your sight. You have set the standard we are to reach in your holy law but we all have fallen short of the glory of God. We have honored you with our lips but we have failed to honor you in our lives. Out of the evil treasury of our hearts we have brought forth sinful habits, words, and attitudes. If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is plentiful forgiveness. Because of this, we confidently draw near to your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Refresh, renew, and revive us in this grace in which we stand, that we may delight in your love and love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God's law*

HYMN OF THANKS

“Our Great Savior”

Hyfrydol

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

9:30 DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Children age 2.5–3rd grade may come to the back of the room to be escorted to their classrooms. Children may attend if they were checked in at the Welcome Table and received a name tag. Children will be returned to their parents during the closing hymn.*

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

DEACONS MINISTRY MINUTE

Mark DeRavin

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Ron Meyer*

9:30 *Rev. David Frerichs*

11:00 *Dr. Robert Norris*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Because He Lives”

William and Gloria Gaither

*Stephanie Edewaard Weidle, mezzo-soprano; Ted Bickish, piano*

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because he lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives.  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain day, because he lives!

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And then one day, I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns!

***The congregation is invited to remain seated and join in singing:***

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because he lives.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

<sup>1</sup> So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. The Lord has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' <sup>3</sup> The Lord your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the Lord has spoken. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. <sup>5</sup> And the Lord will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." <sup>7</sup> Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. <sup>8</sup> It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

SERMON

"Do Not Fear That You Have to Go It Alone"  
*3rd in the series, "Fear Not"*

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

\*HYMN NO. 67

"The Love of God"

Love of God



1. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ev - er tell, it goes be -  
2. When years of time shall pass a - way and earth - ly thrones and king - doms fall, when men, who  
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment made, were ev - 'ry



yond the high - est star and reach - es to the low - est hell; the guil - ty pair, bowed down with  
here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains call, God's love so sure shall still en -  
stalk on earth a quill and ev - 'ry man a scribe by trade, to write the love of God a -



care, God gave his Son to win: his err - ing child he rec - on - ciled and par - doned  
dure, all mea - sure - less and strong: re - deem - ing grace to Ad - am's race— the saints' and  
bove would drain the o - cean dry, nor could the scroll con - tain the whole tho stretched from



from his sin. O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -  
an - gels' song.  
sky to sky.



less and strong! It shall for ev - er - more en - dure— the saints' and an - gels' song.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

**POSTLUDE**

I: from "Concerto in G Major"  
*Ted Bickish, organ*

J. S. Bach  
after Prince Johann Ernst

*\*Congregation standing as able*

**Face Coverings and physical distancing** of at least six feet are required at all services.

**Exiting the 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.**

- Exit by the front ramp doors or the rear narthex doors (use the closer of the two) while maintaining physical distancing.
- Use the center aisle only, allowing those closest to the exit to depart before you, pew-by-pew.
- If you would like to remain for the postlude, please move toward the center of the pew and stay seated.

**Exiting the 9:30 a.m. services**

- Following the benediction, please exit using the nearest available exit: two main stairwells on either side of the room, a marked stairwell at the back, and the elevator (*one household at a time, please*).

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**Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Sunday, February 7, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Members will vote on the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2021 proposed budget.

Register for this online meeting by clicking on the link in the midweek update email or visit [4thpres.org/annual-meeting](http://4thpres.org/annual-meeting).

**2021 Budget Q&A Session, Sunday, January 24 and 31, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom**

To talk with Finance & Stewardship Committee members about the 2021 budget, look for a link in the Midweek Update.

**Sunday Audio**

You may now listen to the 11:00 a.m. service via phone livestream. To join by phone, please call 855-217-0187 at the beginning of the service.

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**EVENING SERVICE**

6:00 p.m.

"Unrestrained Manners"

Luke 7:36-50

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
will be celebrated.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

**MORNING SERVICE**

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

"Do Not Fear What God Is Calling You to Do"

Joshua 1:1-9

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

**EVENING SERVICE**

6:00 p.m.

"Plenty for Passover"

John 6:1-14

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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