



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

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

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*PSALM 121

"I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills"

Dundee

I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
My help comes from the Lord above, who heav'n and earth has made.

He will not let your foot be moved; your keeper will not sleep.
Behold, he slumbers not, nor sleeps, for he will Isr'el keep.

At your right hand the Lord, your keeper, is your constant shade.
The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.

The Lord will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life secure.
Your going out and coming in, the Lord keeps evermore.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, we all share a deep need, for we are lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance, and forgive all our wrongdoing. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, loving and serving one another through the abundant grace poured out for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley
PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Thomas Myrick

*HYMN

“There Is a Hope So Sure”

Graham Kendrick

There is a hope so sure, a promise so secure:
The mystery of God at last made known.
Treasures so vast appear, all wisdom knowledge, here:
It's Christ in us the hope of glory.
*And the life that I now live, no longer is my own,
Jesus lives in me the hope of glory.
And each day I live no longer is my own,
Jesus lives in me the hope of glory.*
There is a life so true, a life of love so pure,
For all our sin a perfect sacrifice.
And when that life was nailed, on cruel cross impaled,
Our sinful flesh with him was crucified.
There is a life so strong, that a whole world of wrong,
And all the pow'rs of hell could not defeat.
For Jesus rose again, and if we died with him.
With him we'll rise to share his endless life.

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*HYMN

“All Glory Be to Christ”

Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me what is your life;
A mist that vanishes at dawn.
All glory be to Christ!
*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!*
His will be done, his kingdom come
On earth as is above;
Who is himself our daily bread;
Praise him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet:
All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am,
 The faithful and the true,
 The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
 Is making all things new;
 Behold our God shall live with us
 And be our steadfast light,
 And we shall ere his people be:
 All glory be to Christ!

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14

page 901, pew Bible

SERMON

“Peace I Leave With You; My Peace I Give to You”

Mr. Rob Henneberg

*HYMN

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me” J. Robinson, M. Farren, R. Thompson

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer,
 There is no more for heaven now to give.
 He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
 My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
 To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
 For my life is wholly bound to his.
 O how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
 For by my side the Savior, he will stay.
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
 For in my need, his power is displayed.
 To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
 Through the deepest valley he will lead.
 O the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
 The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
 And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
 To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
 Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
 O the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev’ry breath I long to follow Jesus,
 For he has said that he will bring me home.
 And day by day I know he will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne.
 To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
 All the glory evermore to him.
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GREET THE GRADUATES

*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*

**Congregation standing as able*

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

"Irrevocable Covenant"
Galatians 3: 15– 25
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

"Kinsman Redeemer"
Ruth 4:1– 12
Rev. Thomas Myrick

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

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 5,346,077
2023 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 1,381,511

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