

SERMON NOTES:

1. Heaven Is the Ending We Long For (vv. 1-3)

2. Heaven Is the End of All That Is Wrong (v. 4)



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, April 16		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
6:30 PM	High School Youth Small Group	Student Center

Monday, April 17		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:30 PM	Diaconate Meeting	Nell Davis
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208
7:00 PM	CSO Chorus Rehearsal	Choir Room

Tuesday, April 18		
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:30 PM	ONE Bible Study	Tower 10 th Floor
6:00 PM	RUF	Student Center
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, April 19		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Midweek Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Middle School Small Group	Student Center
6:15 PM	Adult Elective	Chapel
	Choir	Choir Room
	Kids Ministry	Children’s Wing
	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210

Thursday, April 20		
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
5:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, April 21		
9:00 AM	Children’s Play Group	Student Center
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor
6:00 PM	First Friends	Student Center

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord’s Day
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023
11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP REFLECTION
Today we gather to worship our Lord because He is coming again to make all things new. What impact should His promise “to make all things new” have on your prayer life?
William Burkitt writes that Jesus’ promise ought to “encourage us to go to Christ in prayer for renewing grace for ourselves and our friends and family. Surely, He that makes new heavens can make new hearts, He that renews an old world, can renew us in the spirit of our minds, and make old things pass away and cause all things to become new.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Lord, who are we that You should come to us?
Yet You have visited Your people and redeemed us in Your Son.
Make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your Word,
and move us by Your Spirit to bless Your name
for Your wonderful promise that You are coming again to make all things new. We thank You that Your coming is certain and that the day draws near when the day breaks and the shadows flee away. O how we long for this day. So, we say maranatha . . . come Lord Jesus! Amen.

PRELUDE
“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” arr. Marshall McDonald & Steven Sharp Nelson
Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano & William Navalon. viola

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
“O How Majestic” by Ruth Elaine Schram

Children’s Choir

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1,4
Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.
People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Jesus, Strong and Kind”
“How Firm a Foundation”
Bulletin
No. 94 (vv. 1-4,6)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 102
Pastor: What do we pray for
in the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

People: In the second petition,
which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray,
that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed;
and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,
ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;
and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty Father,
we acknowledge that You have sent us a Savior for our unending joy.
You have shown us the future happiness that awaits us in heaven.
You have opened up a fountain to cleanse us from our sin.
But too quickly we forget these realities that prompt joy in our hearts.
We confess that we have sinned against You
by allowing quarrels, contentions, weariness, sadness,
despair, and suffering to rob us of our joy in You.
We ask that you restore to us the joy of our salvation
and create within us a willing spirit to seek and follow You.
We pray this in the name of the One who drank the ultimate cup
of sorrow and suffering for our unending joy, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21
He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” No. 520 (vv. 1-5)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“Joy to the World” arr. Mark Patterson
Children’s Choir

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the
Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

Revelation 21:1-4 — “What is Heaven? Part 1”
“Revelation: Roadmap for Daily Life, Refuge for the Future”
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Great Thou Art” No. 44 (vv. 1,3,4)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13
Pastor: May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Psalm 42” by Georg Böhm
Patrick Rice, organ

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
William Muecke Barker by Cathy Barker and family.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our
homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 17th.

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Hymn Sheet

Jesus, Strong And Kind

Key: D

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Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson,
Michael Farren, & Rich Thompson

Chorus

G D A D D F# G D Asus A D F#

Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can

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G D A Bm G A D

al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

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