

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

Julie Shelton

Fugue in G Johann Pachelbel

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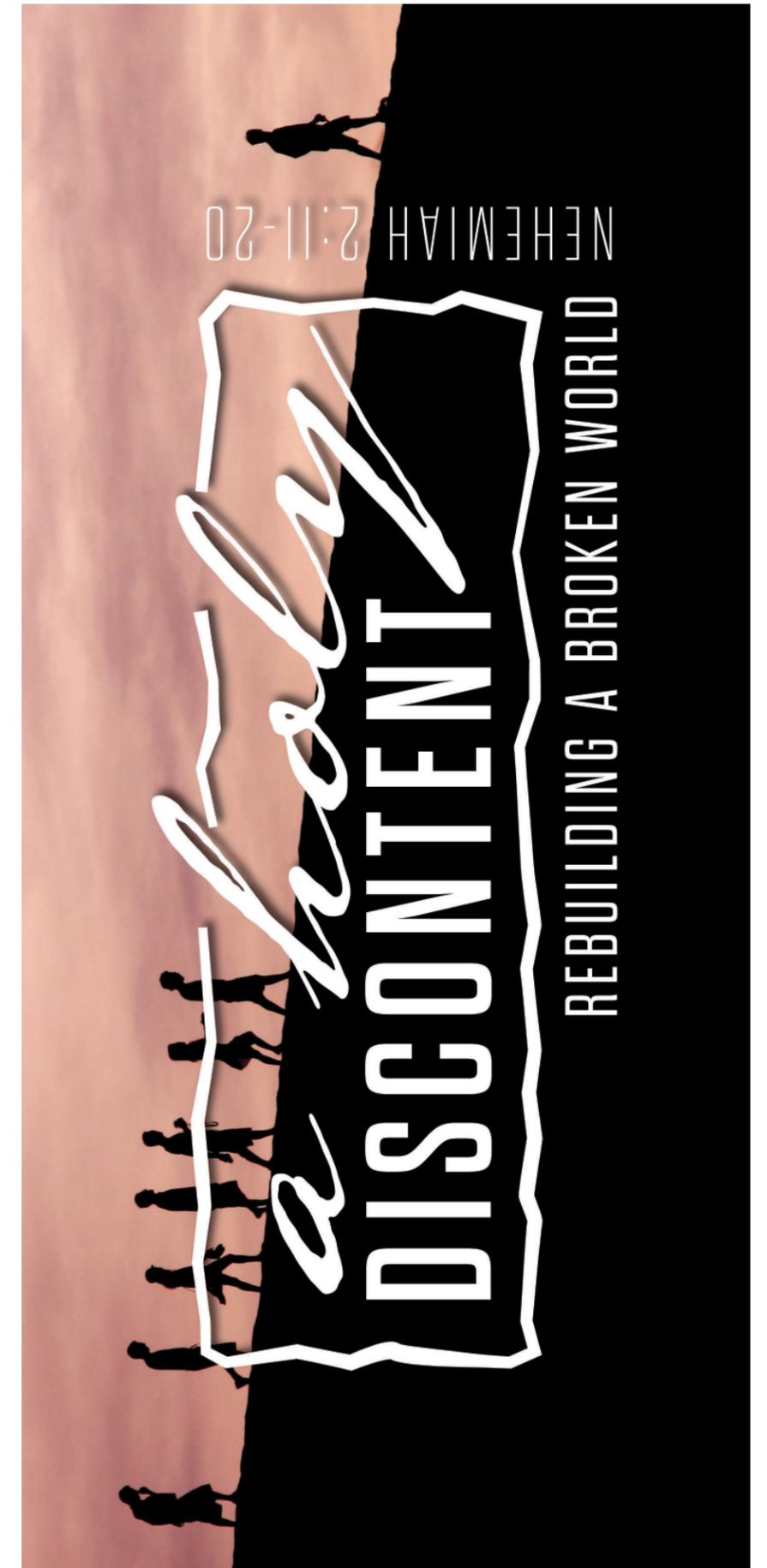
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Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Rachel and Daniel Sachs

For Zion's Sake Marty Goetz

*Call to Worship (Psalm 42:1-5) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

People: My soul thirsts for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

People: These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One, with shouts of joy and praise;

Leader: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

All: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God!

*Hymns

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Randy Fannin

Gracious and loving God, we work very hard to build a strong marriage and family. We work very hard to build a successful career. We work very hard to build a future for ourselves that is solid and secure. And then, suddenly, all of our hopes and dreams come crashing down, and we wonder why? But really, the answer is simple. We did not build on a solid foundation. Instead of building on solid rock, we built on sinking sand. Forgive us, LORD, for trying to build our lives without you. Forgive us, for trusting in our own

strength and intellect, instead of trusting in You. Teach us again the truth of your Word, that: "Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." By your gracious Spirit, restore and renew us. Give us faith, hope and strength to rebuild on the Rock of Ages. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Gloria Patri*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen! Amen!

Prayers of the People Cindy Jaynes

Recognition of Skyler Gerald

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD Skyler Gerald

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Morgan Reece and Skyler Gerald
Galatians 2:20

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Rita Poth 8:30
Matthew 7:24-29 Dave Corfman 10:00

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

The Solid Rock

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.

Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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)

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)

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:11-20

¹¹ I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days ¹² I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. ¹³ By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴ Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; ¹⁵ so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. ¹⁶ The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work. ¹⁷ Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." ¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. ¹⁹ But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" ²⁰ I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

Sermon The Rev. Peter Larson
A Holy Discontent

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.