

FAITH CHURCH

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MICHAEL BROWN

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 42:1-4

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

INVOCATION

PASTOR DEVIN KAHAN

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All Creatures of our God and King

Baird | Baird | Erfreuen | St. Francis of Assisi | Draper

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

O rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening, find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father! Praise the Son!
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 42:5-6A

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PSALM 42:9-10

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I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 42:11

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

SONGS OF PRAISE

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

Robinson | Thompson | Hendroff

Verse 1

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Verse 2

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Verse 3

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Verse 4

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Ending

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

Behold Our God

Baird | Baird | Baird | Altrogge

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 3X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

DEUTERONOMY 14:22

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

If the Lord leads you to give, there are two black boxes in the foyer immediately as you exit the sanctuary, or you can give online at www.faithrpc.org/connect/give.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ZAC BAUERMMASTER

Children may go to children's church if desired. First-time visitors, please escort your children out of the sanctuary for check-in.

SERMON

LUKE 21:5-38

"Jesus Gives a Framework for Understanding End Times"

Pastor Michael Brown

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

In Christ Alone

Getty | Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Luke 21:5-7. ⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”

I. Disciples Foretold of the Temple Destruction

- **Mark 13:1.** As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” (NIV)
- **1 Peter 2:5.** ...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

II. Two Questions from the Disciples

- **Matthew 24:3b.** “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”
- **Question 1:** When will this happen? (Destruction of the temple)
- **Question 2:** What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

Luke 21:8-19. ⁸ And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

III. Tribulations Until Jesus Returns

- Don’t Be Led Astray
- Don’t Be Afraid; Don’t Give Up
- Opportunities to Point People to Jesus in the Trials

Luke 21:20-24. ²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

IV. Destruction of the Temple

- **Matthew 24:15-16.** ¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”

V. Way of Escape

Luke 21:25-28. ²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

VI. Jesus' Return

- **Matthew 24:29-31.** ²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”
- **Revelation 6:12-17 and Matthew 25:31-34**

Luke 21:29-33. ²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

VII. Current Generation Will See the Temple Destruction

- **Matthew 24:34:** Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

Luke 21:34-38. ³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” ³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

VIII. Watch Yourself, Be Ready