



NEELSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 11, 2020 – 11 a.m. Outdoor Worship
Glorifying God by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the name of our Lord Jesus - Welcome to Worship!

Worship via Facebook Live

11:00am

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Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff

(* = Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Thy Word Smith/Grant

Janna Leigh Ryon

***Call to Worship** (unison)

Jamie Swope

(*Psalter Hymnal*, Grands Rapids: CRC Publications, 1987)

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. He remembers his covenant forever; the word he commanded, for a thousand generations. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. That they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the Lord.

***Hymn**

I Will Glory in my Redeemer Cook

SHW #41

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the holy Judge; The Lamb, who is my righteousness,
The Lamb, who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place;
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me; My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

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I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold;
And when He calls me, it will be paradise; His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Jamie Swope

***Hymn**

Oh The Deep, Deep Love Kauflin

SHW #64

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

Chorus: Oh the deep, deep love, All I need and trust, is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus. Spread His praise from shore to shore,
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne. (*Chorus*)

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest.

It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Mighty Savior, precious Friend.

You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end. (*Chorus*)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Eph. 2:4-7

Jamie Swope

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”
Beloved, in Christ you are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Confession of Faith** (unison)

Apostles Creed

Jamie Swope

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living 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. *The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages and generations.

Children's Message

Laurel & Ruth Martin

Offertory Prayer

Jamie Swope

Special Music

Hymn Medley arr J. Savage

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Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1-26

¹ Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

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¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. ²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ ²⁶ God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

Sermon

The Good News’ Miracle and Message

Pastor Jeff

Congregational Prayer and 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.

***Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

***Charge and Benediction**

Pastor Jeff

***Postlude**

How Majestic Is Your Name Smith/Bock

Janna Leigh Ryon

Outdoor Worshipers - Please remain seated until after the postlude.

Q&A with Pastor Jeff

As part of our Acts Series, Pastor Jeff will stay after the service to answer questions and further discuss the scripture & sermon. (He'll be near the outdoor cross and benches.)

For those of you worshipping online, he'd love to connect with you! Send him an email at jeff.rickett@gmail.com with your thoughts and questions from the sermon.

Prayer Concerns

To make a Prayer Request, use the form under Resources on Neelsville.org or contact the church office at 301-972-3916 or office@neelsville.org.
To join the email Prayer Chain, contact the church office.

Find NPC on Facebook and Instagram for announcements, reminders, and resources!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Two Adult Classes are meeting online at 9am on Sunday mornings. More details and the Zoom info will be in our Friday e-letter and our private Facebook group.

- Join Brian Farrell and Joanne Wilson for "How to Read the Bible for all Its Worth." Contact joannelwilson@gmail.com for materials.
- Join Craig Wilson for a continuation of the Genesis study. Contact cdw6@msn.com for materials.

The Adult Sunday School class led by Adam Condrick meets at 9:15am in the back parking lot. This week they kicked off their new study "The Engagement Project."

Sent: Every Christian's Call to Share the Good News

The Acts of the Apostles Series

Sermon Notes: *The Good News' Miracle and Message*

Acts 3:1-26

The Good News Miracle (vv. 1-10)

- Part of Redemptive History
- The Lame Man
- Peter and John
- God gives us more
- Prepares for the Good News Message

The Good News Message (vv.11-26)

- Miracle Explained
 - What it is not
 - Not Magic
 - Not about the Healer
 - What it is
 - Jesus Healed
 - Power of God
 - Jesus exalted
 - Message Preached
 - Christ-Centered
 - Jesus is the Servant of the Lord (13, 26)
 - Jesus was glorified by God (13-14)
 - Jesus is the source of life (15)
 - Jesus was raised from the dead (15, 26)
 - Jesus is the fulfillment of OT prophecy and promises (3:17-26)

Sermon Notes (continued):

- The Indictments and the Call and Benefits of Repentance (v.19-21)
 - The Indictments
 - The Call
 - The Benefits
 - Total Forgiveness
 - Spiritual Refreshment
 - Universal Restoration
- Conclusion

Something to think about...

1. What is the most challenging aspect of this passage? The most encouraging? What does it tell us about why Christians should care for people who are in need and broken?
2. What did you learn about miracles? What do miracles ultimately do? Why is that important to understand? Does God heal today? In what sense?
3. What did Peter include in his message? Why did he emphasize these particular truths about Jesus? What about his Christ-centered message encouraged you?
4. What is repentance? How are repentance and faith linked? What are the benefits of repentance? How does that encourage you?
5. Last week, the 555 plan was mentioned to help us share our faith to those in our sphere of influence. How does this passage instruct or inspire you?
6. How should the authority of Jesus impact the way you live this week?

Next Week: *The Good News' Defense (Act 4:1-31)*

Announcements

Outdoor Worship will continue through October! Weather permitting, of course. We will continue to livestream through Facebook as well. Look for our Sunday e-letter and Facebook post to register for the next outdoor service.

ROCKVILLE WOMEN'S CENTER *Embrace Life* GALA. RWC's annual fundraising event is now Virtual online. Watch either Thurs 10/15 or Fri 10/16 to learn about RWC's pro-life ministry. Go to www.RWCdonors.com and scroll down to the link for the Gala. Questions? Contact Michele Kelly mmkelly440@hotmail.com

Take a Lapp for ALS: Please join our virtual walking team to support the DC Walk to Defeat ALS on **Sat 10/17** and honor the memory of **Rodney Lapp**. Walk on your own or together with a group from NPC. First, register at our team page at http://webdc.alsa.org/goto/_TakeaLappforALS. Second, if you want to walk with a group, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044da8ac22aafdo-take>. Walking groups are being added weekly so check back for one in your area, or contact Carol Harris cgharris84@comcast.net to lead a group.

We hope to see you for our outdoor Sunday Fun Day on October 18! After our outdoor service, grab a treat bag provided by the fellowship committee. Bring your lunch if you'd like to stay for fellowship or take the bag home. After lunch at 12:45pm kids are invited to ride their bikes, scooters and skates for a Roll-a-thon event.

It's Candy Time!! Please bring donations of store-bought, individually wrapped, non-perishable candy to our bin at the Sunday worship services in October. These donations will bless families who attend our October 31st annual outreach event--more details coming soon. Contact Jamie at neelsvillekids@gmail.com with questions.

Don't miss **Operation Christmas Child!** Pack a shoebox **now through November 8** to be delivered to children around the world for Christmas. All the details are in our Friday e-letter. Need more info? Contact JoanneLWilson@gmail.com.

Neelsville has several ways that you can prayerfully give your tithes and offerings. (1) Mail a Check to NPC (2) Text GIVE to 240-451-8511 (3) Donate online at www.neelsville.org/give.

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