



April 18, 2021—Sanctuary  
9:00am and 10:30am

*(Please wear masks while entering, exiting and singing)*

No man has any right to the grace of God. Those terms are inconsistent. There can be no right to that which is free favor. We are all condemned criminals, and if pardoned, it must be as the result of pure mercy, absolute mercy.

Charles Spurgeon (Commentary on Romans 9)

Prelude *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* arr. Roy Brunner

Call to Worship John 20:11-18

\*Hymns of Praise

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till he appears, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

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\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will 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.

Confession of Sin

I Corinthians 15:12, 16-17, 20-22

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

I John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Tithes and Generous Giving

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Adult Choir

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Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever.  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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## Hymn of Worship

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts no power no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Community Life

### Prayers of the People

#### \*Pulpit Hymn

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church (10:30 am only). One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

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### Scripture Reading

Romans 9:1-29

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Face of Paul (Sovereignty and Salvation)*

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

### Prayer of Supplication

Puritan prayer from "The Valley of Vision"

Leader: Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,  
You have brought me to the valley of vision,  
where I live in the depths but see you in the heights;  
though hemmed in by mountains of sin, I behold your glory.

Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from deepest wells,  
and the deeper the wells the brighter your stars shine;

**People: Let me find your light in my darkness,  
your life in my death, your joy in my sorrow,  
your grace in my sin, your riches in my poverty,  
your glory in my valley. In Christ's name, Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

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

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

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Jack Beall, Engage the World Pastor

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to glory of God in loving memory of  
of my daddy, Richard Landreth, for his 93rd birthday and first death anniversary, by Crela McElrath.*

Save the Date—Women's Night of Worship and Prayer  
April 23, 7:00 pm on Soccer Field

Please join us Friday April 23, on the soccer field from 7:00-9:00 PM. We will be led by the fabulous worship team that joined us during the 2020 Women's Conference. There will also be gourmet coffee provided by Synergy Coffee as well as cookies from the Chocolate Shoppe. We pray this is an intentional but relaxed time of meeting Jesus where you are, to worship Him and pray with other women in our community. We would love for you to encourage your friends, both inside and outside of Mitchell Road, to come! Please register you and your guests at [mitchellroad.org/events](http://mitchellroad.org/events) so we can have an accurate number count.

Find Your Opportunity to Serve

Our worship services and programs are led by our staff with the assistance of members volunteering their time to serve. If you aren't currently serving on a Sunday morning team, we invite you to join one! It's a great way to actively show love to our Mitchell Road community. Please contact [flightcap@mitchellroad.org](mailto:flightcap@mitchellroad.org) to learn more.



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