

May 12, 2024—8:30 and 9:45 am Sanctuary

The Lord, by his ascension into heaven, has opened up access to the heavenly kingdom, which Adam had shut. For having entered it in his flesh, as it were in our name, it follows that we are in a manner seated in the heavenly places, not entertaining a mere hope of heaven, but possessing it in our covenantal Head. (John Calvin, Institutes)

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Joel Raney

Community Life Update

Choral Introit

Not Ashamed

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, Maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross.

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Jesus, my Lord, I know His name, His name is all my trust, He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power, What I've committed to His hands, until my final hour.

Then he shall own my lowly name before His Father's face, And in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord! Words: Isaac Watts, 1709 (alt.); Music: ARLINGTON (Arne), 1762, arr. Dan Forrest; © 2017, Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*Call to Worship

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

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

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

* Please stand if you are able.

Romans 1:16-17

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. "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Words: Charles Wesley, Public Domain, 1739; Music: Carl Glaser, Public domain, c. 1800

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began; Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of Your voice: Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man; And your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost. And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea. Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free.

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave, And ascended into heaven leading captives in your way. Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. "Across the Lands" Words and Music: Stuart Townend, Keith Getty © 2002 Thankyou Music, Song No. 3709898, CCLI No. 789870

Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

Riley Isabelle Cooper daughter and Alex and Rachel Cooper

Blessing to Our Covenant Children (8:30)

Doxology (8:30)

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Affirmation of Faith

assisted by Ruling Elder Ron Roundtree

Heidelberg Catechism, No. 49

Leader: How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

All: Christ is our Advocate in heaven before his Father; and he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. He sends us his Spirit as a guarantee of our heavenly inheritance, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."

Matthew 5:27-30

Acts 1:1-11

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Matthew 9:12-13

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

*Hymn of Worship K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry. 8:30 am–One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church. 9:45 am–One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow—that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus. "Nothing But the Blood" Words: Robert Lowey; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowy; arr. Graig Courtney; © 2014, Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*Hymn of Thanksgiving (9:45)

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name, Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore. "10,000 Reasons" Words and Music; Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, © 2011 Thank you Music, Song No. 6016351, CCLI No. 789870

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Andy Lewis

Romans 1

*Hymn of Response

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will; And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place; You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ, Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see The strength to follow your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose, And let my song forever be, "My only boast is You." "All I Have Is Christ" Jordan Kauffin © 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise, Song #5174122, CCLI License #789870

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today: Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor Liturgist: Jacob Virtue, Senior High Youth Pastor (8:30); Jeff Henry, Ruling Elder (9:45)

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May Elective – Encounters with Jesus taught by Neel Skelton

You cannot come into the presence of God and stay the same. In May, we will be looking at different people's encounters with Jesus in the gospels and the transformative power of those interactions. Through their interactions, we will consider what it looks like for us to encounter Jesus in our own lives and how we too can be changed by his power and grace. Join us in the Learning Commons every Sunday in May at 9:45 am.