



March 19, 2023—11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Community Life

Call to Sacrificial Living

*Call to Worship

from Job

Leader: The Lord Gives, and the Lord takes away

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord

Leader: Though the Lord slay me;

People: Yet will I trust Him.

Leader: The triumph of evil is short lived.

People: Good will come to the righteous.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is Wisdom

People: To depart from evil is understanding.

Leader: Behold, God works all things to bring man's soul back from the pit

People: We are delivered from death, and given the light of life!

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Worship

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name.

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* Please stand if you are able.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Songs of Worship

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam; come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

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The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as he lives, his own he'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand, and love maintains it to the end.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; he'll love his own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed his sheep with blood; and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene, nor aught from him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make his love for her depart.

At death, beyond the grave, he'll love; In endless bliss, his own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.

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Call to Confession

Psalm 85:8-9

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Moment of Silent Confession

Proclamation of the Gospel

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*Song of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

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Prayers of the People

Sermon

Exploring Prayer: Faithful Prayer

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Scripture Reading

James 5:7-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Parting Song

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies, of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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*Benediction

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Two Week Starting Point Elective— B111 at 9:45 am

Today and next Sunday, March 26, you are invited to participate in the Starting Point Workshops (Part 1 and Part 2) with Jason Yon. This workshop, that many of us participated in at the Missional Living Conference, is a first step in assessing how you and your family can live “on mission” in daily life.

Holy Week is Coming!

Find out all of the details on our website at mitchellroad.org/holyweek.

Palm Sunday (April 2)

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Communion Service (April 6)

5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A casual meal on the field will follow this service

Good Friday Communion Service (April 7)

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunday (April 9)

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am plus a 6:45 am sunrise service, weather permitting

Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer Focus

Pray that MRPC would be salt and light in our community through church ministries (ESL, MR Friends, Foster & Adopt, Mercy Ministries) and local partnerships (Miracle Hill, World Relief, Switch, iFace, Mill Village, Bel-Aire, Girl Up GVL, Homes with a Mission, and Piedmont Women's Ministry). (Matt. 5:13-16)

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