



April 21, 2024—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

May we find mercy from the Lord; may we be owned as his children, and inherit his kingdom. With these enjoyments and hopes, we may cheerfully welcome low or painful circumstances.
-Matthew Henry, *Commentary on Matthew 5*

Prelude *Fanfare and Statement on LLANFAIR* setting by Edward Broughton
*"Hymns of praise now let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!" (Charles Wesley, 1740)*

Community Life Update

Welcome

Choral Introit

Cherub Choir

*Call to Worship

Job 19:25-27, 1 Corinthians 15:53-55

Leader: I know that my Redeemer lives,

All: and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Leader: And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

All: yet in my flesh I shall see God,

Leader: whom I shall see for myself,

All: and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Leader: For this perishable body must put on the imperishable,

All: and this mortal body must put on immortality.

Leader: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality,

All: then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

Leader: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

All: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

*Prayer of Adoration

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymns of Praise

I know that my Redeemer lives—glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives—glory, hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground—glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found—glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell—glory, hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell—glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love—glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above—glory, hallelujah!

He lives, all glory to this name—glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same—glory, hallelujah!
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There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb,
Believing hearts find promised grace, salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing - their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies - their praises rise:
"All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King who reigns on high forever more."

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King we'll reign with Him.

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*Affirmation of Faith

from The Valley of Vision

Leader: O God of my delight, Your throne of grace is the joy of my soul.

**All: Here I obtain mercy in time of need; here I see the smile of Your reconciled face;
here joy pleads the name of Jesus.**

Leader: Help me to come to Him as the fountain of descending blessings,
as a wide open floodgate of mercy.

**All: I marvel at my folly—that with His enriching blessings within my reach,
I am slow to extend a hand to take them.**

Leader: Have mercy upon my deadness for Your Name's sake, and strengthen me
by the work of Your Spirit within me, that I might cling to You and walk humbly before You.

**All: May Christ be my full joy—the pulse of my heart, the spokesman of my lips,
and the lamp of my feet.**

Confession of Sin

Matthew 5:21-24

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

John 3:17-18

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned.

*Hymn of Worship

Give Me Jesus

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.

Women: In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

Men: And when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone, and when I am alone, give me Jesus.

All: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, you can have all this world,
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

Choir: Give me Jesus.

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Missions Video Update

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:18-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Christ the Victor: Over the Devil

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.

For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast. (continued)

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today: Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor
Liturgist: Mark Reed, Executive Pastor (8:30); Jay Hatten, Ruling Elder (9:45)

NEXT SUNDAY! Worship on the Field—April 28, 2024 at 9:45 am
(Just one service —the whole congregation together on the field!)

There was something rather sweet about the many months of worship on the field we had a few years ago. Although we are glad to be back to normal, it is nice to occasionally enjoy the festive, exciting, unique nature of our whole congregation worshipping together. Make plans to bring your chairs, invite friends, and enjoy our Sunday service on the field! Pack a lunch, a frisbee, and a blanket and plan to hang out together after.

*Sunday schools will not meet on April 28. Nursery (crib—age 3) and Kids Church (K4/K5) will be available!
Rain plan: Normal service times and locations inside, but no youth, kids or adult Sunday School.*

New Members' Weekend—April 26–27, 2024 (Register at mitchellroad.org/events)

The spring New Members' Weekend will be Friday, April 26, 6:00-8:30pm (dinner provided), and Saturday, April 27, 9:00am-12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare (crib - 4th grade) will be provided on Saturday only. If you choose to join MRPC, there will be a time to share testimonies on Sunday, April 28.

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.