



January 12, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

Something approaching Christlikeness is possible in this life... We can be healed. We can be set free of broken patterns that stretch back generations... Our bodies can become temples; our neighborhoods, holy ground; our days, eternity in time; our moments, miracles. -John Mark Comer

Prelude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. David H. Lowe

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship Psalm 104:24, 27-33

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: These all look to you,

All: to give them their food in due season.

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

All: when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

All: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

All: and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

All: may the Lord rejoice in his works,

Leader: who looks on the earth and it trembles,

All: who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn

And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints on flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,

He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.

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* Please stand if you are able.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse;
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme; the glory of our God and King!

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

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Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 28

Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things
and still upholds them by his providence?

**A. We can be patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future,
we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father,
that no creature shall separate us from his love;
for all creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will they cannot so much as move.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:7-9

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Confession

Word of Grace and Peace

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*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.

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee and Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee,
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting resting, fill me with Thy grace.

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Silence and Solitude: The Sound of Sin

Andy Lewis

Moment of Silence

*Hymns of Response

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious, shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul: the winds and waves still know, His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

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Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
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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'erald 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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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Neel Skelton, Worship and Formation Pastor (8:30); Adam Betterton, Church Planting Resident (9:45)

January Elective: Intro to Spiritual Formation (January 12, 19, 26)

Every choice, every decision, every habit shapes us. Intentionally or unintentionally, consciously or unconsciously, on purpose or by accident... we are always being formed spiritually. Come and join Neel Skelton for this three week elective as we kick off the year of spiritual formation by laying some foundation for the year. Begins today!

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Missional Living Conference:
February 23-26

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