



March 19, 2023—8:30 am and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

We observe [in God's interaction with Elijah in I Kings 19] that where there was a display of power—as in wind, earthquake, and fire—we read afterwards “God was not in it;” but here, in this still small voice in which there was no display of power, God was at work... Softly and gently works the Holy Spirit, even as the breath of spring which dissolves the iceberg and melts the glacier. (Charles Spurgeon, 1882)

Prelude *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Molly Ijames

Community Life Update

Call to Sacrificial Living

*Call to Worship Psalm 17:6-8, 15

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

All: incline your ear to me; hear my words.

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love,

All: O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Leader: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

All: hide me in the shadow of your wings,

Leader: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

All: when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

*Hymn of Entrance Hymnal, 77

¹Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

²Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

³Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

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*Prayer of Adoration

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal, 101

- ¹ Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- ² Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
- ³ Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- ⁴ To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.
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*Affirmation of Faith

Question 5 and 6 from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Leader: Are there more Gods than one?

All: There is only one, the living and true God.

Leader: How many persons are there in the godhead?

**All: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
These three are one God, the same in substance and equal in power and glory.**

Scripture Reading

I Kings 19:9-13, 15, 18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

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

Words of Grace and Peace

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Choral Meditation

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

*Amazing grace! Amazing grace! So vast and yet so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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*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 gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

James 5:7-18

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Exploring Prayer: Faithful Prayer

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

*Hymn of Response

*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.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Jan Freeman
by Eric and Andrea Cavanaugh and their daughters.*

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Curtis DuBose, Equip the Church Pastor (8:30); Jamie Lightcap, Ruling Elder (9:45)

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)