



November 19, 2023 - 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Community Life

Welcome

*Call to Worship

from Matthew 5

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn,

People: for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

People: for they will inherit the earth.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

People: for they will be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful,

People: for they will be shown mercy.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart,

People: for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: for they will be called children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Prayer of Adoration

Baptism

Lyla Anne Shuler
daughter of Stevens and Valerie Shuler
assisted by Ruling Elder Bob Peck

Blessing to Our Covenant Children

French Huguenot Blessing

Blessed child of the Covenant, for you God made the world.

For you the prophets and patriarchs were sent. For you the covenants and promises were given.

For you God's revelation was written down.

For you our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ became a man,

lived a perfect life, died upon the cross, and was raised again for your salvation.

You cannot possibly know these things now,

but we your church promise to tell them to you until you make them your own.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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* Please stand if you are able.

*Songs of Worship

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless, Righteousness:
The Great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Grace will prevail, though the darkness is strong, and the burden weighs heavy and long.
Grace will prevail, for our God is the light, He is rending the cover of night. Grace will prevail.

*Wait for the Lord our God, wait for the Lord our God,
Wait for the Lord, our rest and reward and our peace.*

Grace will prevail in the valleys of shame, where the echoes of failure remain.
Grace will prevail with a cry to the Lord, there's a mountain of mercy in store. Grace will prevail.

Take heart he has overcome the world! He has overcome.

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Scripture Reading

from James 1

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

*Song of Worship

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings.
*But mine is hope in my Redeemer though I fall His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore. (continued)*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
*But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way,
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name.
*But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war,
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore.*

*And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore.*

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Call to Confession

from James 1

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Time of Silent Confession

Proclamation of the Gospel

from James 2

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*Song of Worship

Children K4/K5 may leave for Kids Church. A parent should escort child to the Commons Area.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord - His mercy is more, Stronger than darkness - new every morn.
Our sins they are many - His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
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Video—2023 Exploring Prayer Update

Call to Sacrificial Living

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-59

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Gratitude: Jesus

Andy Lewis

*Parting Song

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord - His mercy is more, Stronger than darkness - new every morn.

Our sins they are many - His mercy is more.

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*Benediction

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Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the giving box at the exits of the Fellowship Hall as you leave.

New Today? Welcome!

We're so glad you are here! Fill out a blue Connect Card and stop by and turn it in at the Welcome Desk for a free gift. Also, join us for coffee in the Welcome Center each Sunday between 9:30 and 11:15 am. We would love to meet you. Learn more about our ministry at mitchellroad.org!

“Angels in Advent”—Advent Season is Coming Soon!

We have been planning for the celebration of the Advent season and now it is just around the corner! See our full Advent Schedule on our website at mitchellroad.org/advent. Take time to consider unbelieving friends, neighbors, or co-workers who you could invite to hear the Good News of the birth of our Savior!

“Better Together” - Mitchell Road Women's Conference

February 2 and 3, 2024 at Mitchell Road

Registration is open! Find out more and register at mitchellroad.org/events.

Exploring Prayer 2023—This Week's Prayer

Give thanks for God's Word that will not return void (Is. 55:10-11)

Reminder: November Elective—Transgenderism, Culture, and Christ's Kingdom
9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, Teacher: Ruling Elder, Jonathan Kittel