

MARCH 26, 2023

THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Service**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn #269** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Ivory Palaces”

My Lord has garments so wondrous fine,
and myrrh their texture fills;
its fragrance reached to this heart of mine,
with joy my being thrills.

*Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe,
only his great eternal love made my Savior go.*

His life had also its sorrows sore,
for aloes had a part;
and when I think of the cross he bore,
my eyes with teardrops start.

Scripture Reading I Peter 1:1-21

Choral Anthem Psalm 22

My God, My God, to You I cry, O why have You forsaken me?
Why are you far from giving help, and from my agonizing plea?
All, my God, I cry in vain; by night, yet no relief I gain.

But still You are the Holy One; on Israel's praise You are enthroned.
Our fathers put their trust in You;
You saved them when to You they groaned.
To You they cried, and rescue came; they trusted, and were free from shame.

Reproached of men, by all despised, a worm, and not a man, am I.
All they that see me laugh in scorn; they shake their heads and taunting cry:
"He trusts the LORD! Let Him defend and save him, if He is his friend!"

You brought me safely from the womb,
gave faith when on my mother's breast,
Since birth entrusted to Your care. You've been my God, in You I rest.
Be not far off, for grief is near; no other helper will appear.

Pastoral Prayer

***Supplement Hymn #22** “How Firm a Foundation”
FOUNDATION

Sermon “Secure in God's City”

Those whom God hath accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, and given the precious faith of his elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, seeing the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, whence he still begets and nourisheth in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality; and though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock which by faith they are fastened upon; notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of the light and love of God may for a time be clouded and obscured from them, yet he is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being engraven upon the palm of his hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ and union with him, the oath of God, the abiding of his Spirit, and the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace; from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

And though they may, through the temptation of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins, and for a time continue therein, whereby they incur God's displeasure and grieve his Holy Spirit, come to have their graces and comforts impaired, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded, hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves, yet shall they renew their repentance and be preserved through faith in Christ Jesus to the end.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XVII
“Of the Perseverance of the Saints,” Sections 1-3

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Hymn #218** “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”
CORONATION

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading John 17:1-26

Announcements

Offertory “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,
from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
his triumphant power I'll tell:
how the victory he giveth
over sin and death and hell.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

***Psalter Hymn #40C** Psalm 40:5-10
FOREST GREEN

Sermon “The Son's Request to Be Glorified”

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, to be the mediator between God and man; the prophet, priest, and king; head and saviour of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did from all eternity give a people to be his seed and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake, which that he might discharge he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfil it, and underwent the punishment due to us, which we should have borne and suffered, being made sin and a curse for us; enduring most grievous sorrows in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, and remained in the state of the dead, yet saw no corruption: on the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he suffered, with which he also ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father making intercession, and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter VIII
“Of Christ the Mediator,” Sections 1, 4

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing