



LIBERTY
CHURCH, PCA

———— Order of Worship ————

May 3, 2020

10:45am

Welcome to Liberty Church

During this time of quarantine due to COVID-19, our order of worship is condensed and contains no music. We encourage you, however, to still sing in your own homes "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation - *Psalm 84*

Call to Worship & Invocation - *Psalm 84:1-2*

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Gathering Hymn - *Arise My Soul Arise*

(Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit)

Arise my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(refrain)*

Refrain

Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), arise, arise my soul arise
Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me;
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die! (*refrain*)

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry! (*refrain*)

Confession of Sin

Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we are distracted by a great number of things, all of which take us away from deeply reflecting on Your mercy and continuously meditating on Your love. Forgive us for believing that our service is more important than how You have served us, for You are the Giver and we are the receiver. Help us see Jesus more throughout our day, and may we always behold Your glory and grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him for their sake died and was raised.

Hymn of Praise - *Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor*

Matt Boswell / Matt Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor, it shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed

Reading of Scripture - *Luke 20:27-44*

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28 and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second 31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. 32 Afterward the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” 39 Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question. Whose Son Is the Christ? 41 But he said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is David’s son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 43 until I make your enemies your footstool.” 44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?”

Shepherding Prayer - *Elder Steve Bird*

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

“The Resurrected Son”

Pastor Nathan Moretto

Hymn of Response - *It Is Well With My Soul* *Horatio Spafford*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Benediction

Prayer List

For our church family and needs in the body:

- For Jeff Watkins following recent brain cancer diagnosis. Pray for God's peace upon him and wisdom for Johns Hopkins doctors. Also pray for God's peace and strength for Cindy, Erika, and Hannah
- For the residents of Carroll Lutheran Village where many of our congregation reside, as they recently announced there are some cases of the coronavirus. Pray that the virus does not spread throughout the population there.
- For financial stability and emotional support for those impacted by the Coronavirus restrictions.
- For members isolated in their independent living and/or assisted living facilities.
- For families with children at all levels of schooling and education as they struggle with home teaching, missed classes, postponed graduations and course schedule disruptions.
- For Jan Duty and her family as she continues with her chemotherapy.
- For members whose "elective" surgeries and evaluations have been postponed due to ongoing restrictions to access of our hospital and care facilities.
- For Pastor Nathan and the church members assisting him to prepare for services planned for Sunday.
- For deacons and the many committees still working to keep our church's spiritual and business needs running
- For family members separated due to illness or injury and the current restrictions on visitation.
- For widows and widowers who are more isolated at this time, lonely and frightened. That God would provide them with comfort.

For extended family, friends and others:

- Pray for Maxine Saylor's sister, Char, who had part of her thyroid removed along with a cancerous tumor.
- Pray for Maxine Saylor's sister Jeanine's grandson, through marriage, who was diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing radiation. Mason is five years old
- For Vince Rosso (Mary Caldwell's son) who has prostate cancer
- For Elena Kitchen's brother, Mike, with esophageal cancer; for successful treatment and salvation.
- For Chris Bohmer's father who is in an assisted living facility, more confused with his being quarantined resulting in increased social isolation and worry that an employee has tested positive for Covid-19.
- For staff serving in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living and long-term care, for safety from Coronavirus spread and personal safety
- For Local, State and Federal managers of our response to the pandemic, for wisdom and perseverance.
- For First Responders and our military and their families spiritual, emotional and physical health.
- For members of essential businesses who continue to provide needed services to us.
- For Caitie Jones who is with her parents and has recently separated from her spouse due to substance use problems and is raising their 6-month baby.

For Liberty Christian School:

- For students being taught at home, for their spiritual as well as intellectual growth.
- For teachers in this trying time, instructing parents in how to teach at home.

- For staff who have been laid off, for their spiritual, financial and emotional health.
- For school administration as they continue to make decisions and respond to governmental regulatory changes over the school and its ministry.
- For ongoing financial support from enrolled families whose children are unable to attend class on campus.

For our Missionaries:

Please pray for the following organizations that Liberty Church supports:

- The Persecution Project, with whom Brad Phillips serves, requests:
 - Praise for the recent safe delivery of 30 tons of medicines to the Nuba region of Sudan, who have been persecuted for 30 years by the central government. These life-saving meds will be distributed to 185 clinics - including seven small hospitals serving an area with a population of more than 1.7 million souls.
 - Prayer and support in delivering Bibles, supplies, and other material to the Nuba people. Security, poor infrastructure, and weather have always been challenging in Sudan, but this global shutdown has presented a completely different set of challenges. (<https://www.persecutionproject.org/>)
- Serge, with whom Brad & Margarita Wallace serve, requests:
 - Prayer and support for the needs of Serge's 50+ medical missionaries who serve some of the most vulnerable populations in the world. (<https://give.serge.org/p-791-urgent-needs-coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>)
 - As the pandemic spreads, their needs greatly intensify with every passing day.
 - Like most medical professionals, they are still showing up for work — but with drastically fewer supplies and staff.
- The Disaster Response Team of Mission to North America (MNA - PCA's home missions agency) is requesting prayer and support for:
 - Assisting congregations in at least seven presbyteries in the southern states affected by recent flooding in Mississippi and tornadoes in LA, MS, AL, GA, TN and SC. (<https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=44CE593586F5494>)
 - Praise God that they have shipped and transported tens of thousands of dollars of supplies and equipment to these presbyteries.
 - Pray that restrictions will be lifted soon so that MNA can safely resume volunteer mobilization, not only to these sites but also to long-running sites in Hurricane Florence-affected NC where volunteers were sent home when the 'shelter-at-home' mandate was implemented.
 - Contact Geof Smith if you are interested in volunteering when mobilization becomes feasible.