



LIBERTY
CHURCH, PCA

———— Order of Worship ————

May 10, 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 81*

Call to Worship & Invocation - *Psalm 81:1-3*

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

Gathering Hymn - *Blessed Assurance* *(Fanny Jane Crosby)*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long,
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture, now burst in my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love (*refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love (*refrain*)

Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, we are prone to rebel; it is in our nature. We fight against Your rule, Your will, and Your sovereign decrees. We worship ourselves rather than the God who made us. We have our eyes set on the things of this world rather than on heaven. Forgive us our transgressions. We repent, and we seek Your face anew, through the righteousness that is ours by the atoning sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - 1 *Corinthians 15:54b-57*

Death is swallowed up in victory. 'O Death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Praise - *Cornerstone*

(Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Bradbury)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name!

(1st time-repeat verse)

(2nd time-chorus)

Chorus

Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all!

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil! (*chorus*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless I stand before the throne! (*chorus*)

Reading of Scripture - *Luke 20:45-21:4*

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." 21:1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Shepherding Prayer - *Elder Steve Madden*

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

“*Sacrificial Worship*”

Pastor Nathan Moretto

Hymn of Response - *His Mercy Is More*

Matt Papa & Matt Boswell

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

Chorus

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 (*chorus*)

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 (*chorus*)

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 & Hannah.
- For Mary Jordan who will be having hip replacement surgery on May 12th. Pray for the doctor who will be performing the surgery and for a fast recovery.
- Pray for peace and comfort for Sandy and Bob Sunderland as Sandy's mother has been placed in hospice care.
- 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 former member, Charlotte Okarmus, who was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. Pray for peace and comfort for her husband, Jim and the rest of their family.
- 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. He has completed chemo and radiation treatments and will be operated on Monday, May 11. Pray that the operation goes well and is successful. Pray for Mike and his family as they will not be able to go the hospital due to Covid-19.
- For Chris Bohmer's father who is in an assisted living facility, more confused with his being quarantined resulting in increased social isolation. The home had eight employees and six residents with Covid-19. Praise that the employees have been cleared to return to work and three of the residents have recovered. Pray that the residents would be able to leave their rooms soon and that no one else would come down with it.

- 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 missionaries that Liberty Church supports:

- Paul & Liz Meiner, MTW's Member Care leaders in Europe & Regional Director for the British Isles, living in London, request prayer for the following, as they prepare to retire at the end of the year:
 - Pray that their teams across Europe would not grow weary of Zoom meetings and that Paul & Liz would be a source of encouragement.
 - One of their church members died due to the virus. Please pray for his wife and nine children (ranging in ages from 8-mid 20's).
 - Liz is being stretched as questions in their Ladies **Christianity Explored** group come up, like "Where is Jesus now and where is heaven?" and "If Jesus is God, did God die on the cross?" Please pray for the Holy Spirit to help Kana, a Japanese believer in their church, and Liz to be able to answer hard questions and to be at work in these women's hearts.
- Chris Garriott of Reformed University Fellowship at UMD at College Park requests:
 - Praise that University of Maryland RUF alum Joey Barnet, along with his wife Ruth (nee Kraus) and their daughter Grace, will be become the next Campus minister at the University of Delaware. This is exciting news as Joey is the first Maryland RUF student to become a campus minister.
 - Pray for Joey as he begins fund raising, finds a place to live, moves to Delaware this summer, and begins ministry at the Univ. of Delaware - all of this during the pandemic. If you would like to help Joey and Ruth in their fund raising efforts please click on this link: **Support Joey and Ruth Barnet at UD** (PLACE JOEY BARNET in blank field).
- Kevin and Lori Chilton, teacher and office aide at Wycliffe's Rainforest International School (RFIS) in Cameroon, West Africa, request the following:
 - Pray for Kevin who has come down with malaria. He responds much more slowly to the medication than Lori has in the past. It takes all his effort just to sit up in bed or walk to the bathroom.
 - Praise God for a new school director, Kristi, their former Social Studies teacher.
 - Pray for everybody, especially Kristi, as they go through this time of adjustment.

- Pray especially for the school seniors as they face the conclusion of their high school days, perhaps never seeing their classmates face-to-face again for a time of farewell.
- Pray for possible plans to visit the U.S. this summer to explore college options for their twins.
- Pray for adequate financial support.