



LIBERTY
CHURCH, PCA

————— Order of Worship —————

May 17, 2020

10:45am

Welcome to Liberty Church

Announcements

Silent Reflection & Meditation - *Psalm 90*

Call to Worship & Invocation - *Psalm 90:1-2*

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God!

Gathering Hymn - *Be Thou My Vision*

(Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Confession of Sin

Holy Father, our sins reach to the heavens and our transgressions are multiplied daily. We cannot run from our guilt, nor can we hide from our shame. We will stand before You, the God who sees and knows all, and we must give an account of how we have lived for our own glory, and not Yours. Yet, we claim this promise: You are a God who forgives sinners! We plead Your mercy in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon - *Psalm 90:8, 13-14*

You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence. Return, O Lord! Have pity on Your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Hymn of Praise - *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

(Matt Boswell/Matt Papa/Michael Bleecker)

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive
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Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

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Reading of Scripture - *Luke 21:5-28*

5 And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” 7 And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” 8 And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. 9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” 10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. 13 This will be your opportunity to bear witness. 14 Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. 17 You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your lives. 20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, 22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. 23 Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great

distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. 25 “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Shepherding Prayer - *Elder Don Wheatley Jr.*

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Sermon *“Your Redemption Is Near”*
Pastor Nathan Moretto

Hymn of Response - *Our God Reigns* *Leonard E. Smith*

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus

Our God reigns, our God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns!

He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be, drawn to Him.
He was despised, and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns, with the Most High(*chorus*)

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty
He is alive, He is alive
God loves us so, see here His hands, his feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive! (*chorus*)

Benediction

Prayer List For our church family and needs in the body:

- Praise that Mary Jordan's hip replacement surgery went well. Pray for quick healing.
- Pray for peace and comfort for Sandy and Bob Sunderland and their family as Sandy's mother passed away last week..
- 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 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. 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 missions and missionaries that Liberty Church supports:

- Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown requests:
 - Praise for:

The 8 babies born into Alpha's family

The overwhelming donations that have poured in to help their clients during these uncertain times

○ Prayer for:

Obtaining ongoing physical needs: pull-ups (2T-3T), baby wash, baby lotion, wipes & baby/toddler food (no meats please)

Their upcoming virtual 5K Run/Walk fundraiser

● Pray for Baltimore Antioch Leadership Movement (BALM) as they seek to multiply Christ-centered, cross-cultural disciple-making leaders for Baltimore and beyond:

○ For their next mercy-justice project: preparing classroom space at Freedom Church in Baltimore as a second site for their Metro Baltimore Seminary (MBS) classes, which was postponed until July 24/25. They are looking for volunteers. ○ That God would provide funds needed for MBS expansion. ○ For additional donors and prayer warriors for BALM.

○ For wisdom for BALM staff and board in new initiatives.

● Chris & Victoria Cox, International Xchange Organization (IXO) missionaries in Cambodia ○ Praise that they remain well and the number of cases of Covid is low in Cambodia.

○ Praise for developing internet ministry.

○ Pray for outreach to open up again when villages begin to open up again.

○ Pray for recovery of financial support, which was partially lost because of a change in the address to which donations are to be sent (now: IXO, Chris and Victoria Cox, PO Box 6247, Chattanooga, TN 37401), and because of the Covid crisis.