



May 15, 2022—9:00 am
Sanctuary

Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved.

-Martin Luther

Prelude (8:50) *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Molly Ijames

Community Life Update (8:55)

Call to Sacrificial Living

*Call to Worship Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age: our God is all in all.

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* Please stand if you are able.

¹ O love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

Hymnal, 81

³ We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of your might.

⁴ O love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, for ever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-8, 18-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

John 1:29

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Moment of Silent Confession

Choral Meditation

Agnus Dei

Adult Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem, miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace; have mercy on us; grant them rest.

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Words of Grace and Peace

Revelation 22:1-2, 3-5, 16-17, 20

Leader: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb...

All: No longer will there be anything accursed,
but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,
and his servants will worship him.

Leader: They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
And night will be no more.

All: They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light,
and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches.
I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

All: The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.”
And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Leader: He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.** Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.** Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue;
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Series: Journey Through Scripture

Neel Skelton

*Hymn of Response

Hymnal, 455

¹And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God, should die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

⁴Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

⁵No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Neel Skelton, Next Generation Pastor

Mark Reed, Executive Pastor

Ask the Pastors - Journey Through Scripture Panel Continues Today
May Sunday Elective - 10:10-10:45 am in the Sanctuary

We know you are burning with questions! Our May Adult Elective will feature a panel discussion where you will have the opportunity to ask our pastors anything from your Journey through Scripture reading over the first four months. Visit mitchellroad.org/events to submit your questions for our pastors to answer during that time, or pick up a question card from the visitor's desk and drop it off in the Giving boxes. Plan to join us each Sunday in May to hear their answers.

Graduates

If you have a high school or college graduate, please email Shannon at souten@mitchellroad.org with the name of the student and school from which they are graduating. We will list our graduates in an upcoming bulletin and weekly email. Deadline: May 20.

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