

January 16, 2022—9:00 am Sanctuary

Job never saw why he suffered, but he saw God, and that was enough. -Tim Keller

Prelude (8:50)

Community Life Update (8:55)

*Call to Worship Job 19:23, 25-27

"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
...For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Hymn of Entrance

¹ We come O Christ to you, true Son of God and man, By whom all things consist, in whom all life began: In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

² You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid; In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

³ You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you, The source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

⁴ You only are true Life, to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

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Hymnal, 181

^{*}Please stand if you are able.

*Prayer of Dedication

based on a Puritan prayer from "The Valley of Vision"

Leader: O Lord, my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly ordinance of rest, the open door of worship,

All: the record of Jesus' resurrection, the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when saints triumphant unite in the eternal song of praise!

Leader: We praise You, O Lord, for bringing us to the throne of grace, where we find You eager to hear us and help us.

All: Through the blood of Christ You have made us Your children, and You promise to give us more than we can ask or imagine.

Leader: Please give us in rich abundance the blessings that this Lord's Day was designed to impart:

All: Flood my mind with peace that passes all understanding; may my meditations be sweet, may my worship be joyful, may Your precious Word nourish my soul, and may my soul be more deeply knit to Jesus.

*Hymn of Praise

- ¹ O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
- ² My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- ³ Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life and health and peace.
- ⁴ He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me. Words: Charles Wesley, Public Domain, 1739; Music: Carl Glaser, Public domain, c. 1800

Scripture Reading

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

*Hymn of Worship

¹ 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.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

- ³My sin—O 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.
- ⁴ O 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. Words: Horatio Spafford, Public Domain, 1873; Music: Phillip Bliss, Public Domain, 1876.

Confession of Sin

Romans 8:22-23, 26

James 1:2-12; 5:7-12

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies... Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Romans 5:14-17

...Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

Call to Sacrificial Living

Tithes and Generous Giving

Amazing Grace

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

To give, visit give.mitchellroad.org.

Tithes and Offerings may also be placed in the giving box at the exits of the Sanctuary as you leave.

<u>Choir</u>: Amazing grace! —how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

(Please stand and sing)

*All: Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. Words: John Newton, Public Domain, 1779; Music: Trad. American

Scripture Reading Job 40:1-14

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

Sermon Harrys Goudas

*Hymn of Response

<u>Creation sings</u> the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn

And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints on flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,

He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"

Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace,

Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse;

Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;

The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply

With one resplendent theme; the glory of our God and King!

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*Postlude

Assisting in Worship Today:

Neel Skelton, Next Generation Pastor

Harrys Goudas, International Pastoral Intern

SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

February 25-27 - Global Perspective Weekend (Focus on Ghent, Belgium)

March 11-12 - Mitchell Road Women's Conference "Craving Grace" (Speaker: Ruthie Delk)

Journey Through Scripture - We Have Begun - Join us!

Our church has just begun a Journey Through Scripture - reading through the whole Bible together! We would love for you to join us! Visit the Commons Area today to pick up the guide or go to *mitchellroad.org/jts* to find out more! There are options available for the full plan, an abbreviated plan, and a sermon text plan. Take a step of faith and dive further into the Word of God next year! It is NEVER too late! Join us where we are.

January Elective - Why the Bible Matters in 2022 Sundays from 10:10 to 10:50 in the Sanctuary

Join us as Mark Reed helps kickoff reading through the Bible as a church community! During this elective, he will hit a few highlights we'll encounter during the longest (and most exciting) book series ever and talk through a few of his favorite ways to read it.

Next Spiritual Retreat at Mitchell Road—Saturday, January 29, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Have you ever set aside a few hours just to spend time with the Lord? It is a spiritual discipline that reaps benefits that make the time commitment pale in comparison. Consider taking the opportunity to do that with us on January 29. This is a relaxed time where we gather and receive some guidance and instruction from Andy and then spread out across the church. You and the Lord determine how you spend your time (read, pray, journal, walk). Don't be intimidated by this time alone with the Lord - you cannot get it wrong. It is your time and we are confident you will find it refreshing, encouraging and meaningful. Email *souten@mitchellroad.org* to sign up.

^{*}Benediction