



# Trinity Church

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THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2021

## REFLECTION & PREPARATION

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....PSALM 108

Be exalted, O God, above all the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

**I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**My heart is fixed on You, O God! I will sing and make music with all my being!**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

### **\*INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** .....I GREET THEE WHO MY SURE  
REDEEMER ART

STRASBOURG PSALTER, 1545

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art  
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace  
Reigning omnipotent in every place  
So come O King, and our whole being sway  
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life by which alone we live  
And all our substance and our strength receive  
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy pow'r  
And give us strength in every trying hour.

Our hope is in no other save in thee  
Our faith is built upon thy promise free  
Lord, give us peace and make us calm and sure  
That in thy strength we evermore endure.

**\*SONG OF JOYFUL WORSHIP .....10,000 REASONS**

WORDS & MUSIC: JONAS MYRIN & MATT REDMAN

Bless the lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship his holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
10,000 years and then forever more

**SCRIPTURE READING .....PSALM 44**

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**HYMN OF ADORATION** .....CHRIST THE SURE  
AND STEADY ANCHOR

WORDS & MUSIC: 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  
I will hold fast to 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 secure  
And the calm will be the better  
For the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation Ever faithful, ever true  
We will hold fast to the Anchor It shall never be removed

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.**

**We have tried to heal ourselves.**

**Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ,  
we have tried to work off our guilt.**

**We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that  
outweigh our sins.**

**When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and  
distraction.**

**Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we have tried to change through our own efforts.**

**We have tried to change our hearts through sheer  
willpower.**

**This has left some of us arrogant.**

**This has left most of us anxious and depressed.**

**Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves.**

**Forgive us for neglecting your grace.**

**Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON .....ROMANS 5:1-2**

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE STEVE HAWLEY**

## SERMON .....GENESIS 14

<sup>1</sup> In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, <sup>2</sup> these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). <sup>3</sup> And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). <sup>4</sup> Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. <sup>5</sup> In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, <sup>6</sup> and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. <sup>7</sup> Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

<sup>8</sup> Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup> with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. <sup>10</sup> Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. <sup>11</sup> So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. <sup>12</sup> They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

<sup>13</sup> Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. <sup>14</sup> When Abram

heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

<sup>17</sup> After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth;  
<sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High,  
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. <sup>21</sup> And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” <sup>22</sup> But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, <sup>23</sup> that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ <sup>24</sup> I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

# SERMON NOTES

## FAITHFUL IN THE GRAY AREAS

GENESIS 14

### **SUMMARY:**

**1. DO I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR?**

**2. CAN I DEFEND OR PROMOTE THE GLORY OF GOD?**

**3. HOW CAN I TRUST HIS WORD?**

**4. CONSIDER THE PERSON AND WORK OF MY INTERMEDIARY**

**5. DEMONSTRATE GRATITUDE AND DEPENDENCE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE.....CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE**

WORDS & MUSIC: JONNY ROBINSON AND RICH THOMPSON

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall, his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore!

## **\*BENEDICTION**

### **REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Ministry Partners:** Scott Andes - serving with RUF International at the University of South Carolina

**Our Troops:** pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world

**Church of the week:** Christ Church Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant; Jon Payne, pastor

### **TRINITY FAMILY**

**Nancy Henson:** recovering at home after recent hospitalization

**Herb Tait:** recovering at home after recent hospitalization

**Sarah Hutto:** recovering from open heart and hernia surgery

**Melonie Anderson:** adjusting to new medication for advancing MS

**Linda Wactor:** recovering from recent infection

**Claudia Wilkes:** in stage 4 renal failure, not eligible for another transplant

**Lawton Porter:** ongoing therapy, healing for foot

**Linda Wells:** neuropathy, improved stamina

**Christie Churchwell:** relief from headaches