

The Lord's Day

April 11, 2021 at 10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

Had Christ's blood not been shed, Satan's accusations would have been unanswerable; as it is, that blood meets every charge.

Jamieson, Fausset, Brown

Prelude

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven
Dr. Kenneth Dean

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

Pastor Bell

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5 (ESV)

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Hymn No. 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Germany

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
ev'n then this shall be all by plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 13 (ESV)

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?**

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ **Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ **But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

⁶ I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 5:1-5 (ESV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Confession of Faith XI.2

Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and his righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet is it not alone in the person justified. But is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but works by love.

Hymn No. 500

Rock of Ages

New City Fellowship

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on they judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Something Bigger Than You and I

Lange

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Revelation 13:7-12 (ESV)

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Sermon

“We Have Overcome!”

Pastor Ceselsky

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn

Before the Throne

Sovereign Grace

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (2X).

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of my guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (2X).

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God (2X)

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (Hymnal, pg 740)

Danish

Postlude

Variations on *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Hyfrydol arr. K. Dean

We welcome Dr. Kenneth M. Dean, Jr. as our organist today. Dr. Dean is the Minister of Music at the City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church on Dolphin Street.

A Congregational Work Day is planned for Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mark your calendar and join us!

The congregation is invited to a luncheon following the worship service on April 25. We will be celebrating the baptism of covenant child Daniella Andrade that day. **YOU MUST RSVP** for this luncheon. Please text or call Angela at 240-274-0914.

Missions Report: We will be joined by Phil Fiol (MTW missionary in South Asia) and two of his daughters for a cookout & mission report on Sunday, May 2 at 4 p.m. at John & Julie's home. **YOU MUST RSVP** for this cookout. Please scan the box below using the camera app on your smartphone; or call, text, or email John by no later than Monday, April 26.



Redeemer Classical Christian School is collecting clothes, bedding & linens, kitchen items, hand-held appliances, home decorations, toys, games and small electronics as a fundraiser. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off in Room 11 no later than next Sunday.