



September 15, 2024—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

"None He chooses is worthy; but, choosing, He makes them worthy." -Augustine

Prelude

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:14, 19-24

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song;

All: he has become my salvation.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

All: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

All: the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;

All: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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* Please stand if you are able.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Words: Reginald Herber, Public Domain, 1783; Music: John Dykes, Public Domain, 1861

Introduction of the Greenville Fellows Class of 2025

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1-7, 50:15-21

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choral Meditation

What God Ordains Is Always Good

What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow, meek and lowly.
My God indeed, in every need knows well how He will shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe; someday I shall see clearly
That He has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield be;
So to my God I yield me.

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Confession of Sin

Hebrews 12:3-4

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 14

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies... He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

Q. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life, but He will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come to condemnation.

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.

*For the Lord is good and faithful; he will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind.*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me;
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

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Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:1-13

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

Sermon

Richard Winston

*Hymn of Response

Come behold the wondrous mystery 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 mystery; He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, 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 mystery; 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. *(continued)*

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Richard Winston, Professor, Erskine Seminary

Liturgist: Kevin Couch, Ruling Elder (8:30); Chris League, Ruling Elder (9:45)

A House In Order: Practical and Spiritual Aspects of Estate Design

This seminar is presented by Rev. Bruce Owens, Mission to the World, Estate and Gift Design Department to help families find God's plan of stewardship for their estates and to be wise managers of the resources He has entrusted to us. When did you last review your estate plan? Maybe it is time to review this important issue. At this seminar you will learn:

- ❖ How you can place biblical stewardship at the center of your estate plan
- ❖ How you can affirm your estate plan is relevant in these challenging economic times
- ❖ How you can protect your estate plan from failure due to interpersonal family conflicts
- ❖ How recent tax law changes may affect your estate planning and charitable giving
- ❖ How you can leverage tax dollars into gifts for your church and ministries

Dates: *(pick one)* Sunday October 6, 5:30-7:15 pm or Monday October 7, 6:30 – 8:15 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Registration: Required at mitchellroad.org/events. No Cost, Catered Dinner included (Beef tenderloin, Mixed Green Salad, Mashed Potatoes, haricot verts with grape tomatoes, rolls)

Childcare: Sunday Night Only, Crib to Grade 4

A Peek Ahead—Check it out at mitchellroad.org/events

- ❖ Alleluia! An Hour of Choral Inspiration—Fall Choral Concert (9/22 at 4:00 pm)
- ❖ MR Kids Family Fun Night Scavenger Hunt (9/27 at 5:30 pm)
- ❖ Dementia Caregiver Support Group Informational Meeting (9/29 at 3:00 pm)
- ❖ Parents of Estranged Adult Kids 8-week Course (Begins 9/29 at 4:00 pm—Please register)
- ❖ Fall Special Guest Preachers: Mark Bates (10/6), Sandy Willson (10/13)
- ❖ Hymn Sing (10/12 at 5:30 pm)
- ❖ New Members Class (6 weeks beginning 10/20 at 9:45 am- Please register)

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