



March 23, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

"Prayer is reaching out and after the unseen; fasting, letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepens, confirms the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves, to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God." -Andrew Murray

Prelude

And Can It Be?

by Dan Forrest

*"Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?"
(Charles Wesley, 1738)*

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship

Psalm 77:11-15

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people.

*Hymns of Praise

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, though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

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O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue

We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen. (continued)

* Please stand if you are able.

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.*

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
On that day who will not tremble, when You stand, Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is, and is forever.

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*Prayer of Adoration

*Affirmation of Faith From the Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 4, 11

Leader: What is God?

All: God is Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Leader: What are God's works of providence?

All: God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all his creatures, and all their actions.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:2, 7

Leader: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"

**All: Let us return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Moment of Silent Confession

Choral Offering

The Invitation

Come, you who thirst, come to the water,
and you who have nothing, come buy and eat; Come to Me.

Seek me while I may be found. Call on Me while I am near.

Come, all who thirst, come to the water,
and you who have nothing, come buy and eat; Come to Me.

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Words of Grace and Peace

John 6:35, Revelation 3:20

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

*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.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 1:4, Joel 2:12, Esther 4:16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Fasting for Grief

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. *(continued)*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Curtis DuBose, Equip the Church Pastor (8:30); Jeff Henry, Ruling Elder (9:45)



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