



## The Lord's Day ~ January 24, 2021

God Calls Us to Worship & Welcomes Us

Romans 14:7-9

<sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.  
<sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.  
 So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.  
<sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again,  
 that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

\* Praising God in Song

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Voice

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-  
 2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is  
 3. Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He

4 lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to Him be-  
 good, Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's  
 lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with

8 long. Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a-part from His com-  
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y  
 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-

12 mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. O  
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
 stroyed. And we will feast in end-less joy, when Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.

17 sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing ha-le-lu-jah! Now and

23 ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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\* Seeking God's Blessing upon Our Worship

**My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**To live and die in the joy of this comfort I must know these three truths:**

**first, how great my sin and misery are;**

**second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;**

**third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

### Confessing Our Sin to God

Our glorious and gracious God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we acknowledge this day that we do not give you all the love and loyalty of our hearts. Our distracted thoughts forget your presence and ignore your Word of truth. Our wayward affections fix themselves on the empty treasures of this passing age. Our stubborn wills choose the very things which grieve you. When pressured by the trials of life, we place our trust in worldly sources of strength rather than in you.

Forgive us for failing to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Take away our sin by the blood of Jesus, your Son and our only Savior. Clothe us with the uprightness of the Redeemer, who so focused his soul upon you that even in the midst of his sorrow in the Garden, he submitted himself to your will for our salvation. And change us by your Word and Spirit, so that with new life growing in us day by day, we might declare in sincerity that we belong to you alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### God Forgives by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ

**1 John 1:7-9**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Taking Our Requests to God in Prayer

## Presenting & Dedicating Our Offerings to the Lord

Voice

The musical score is written for voice in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff begins at measure 7 and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff begins at measure 15 and contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

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## God Speaks through His Word

## Matthew 26:36-46

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

<sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

## 1 Corinthians 10:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

## **“A Powerful Adversary, a Winning Strategy”**

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While the 1<sup>st</sup> use of this text teaches us about the impact of the atonement upon the person of our Redeemer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> use prepares us for spiritual warfare against temptation.

The adversary we face

The strategy we are given

The outcomes we can expect

\* Responding to God's Word in Song

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,  
 3. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 4. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.  
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.

John Ernest Bode, 1869; alt.

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Arthur H. Mann, 1881

\* God Dismisses Us with His Blessing

Voice A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

\*Please stand if able

## Announcements

- /After worship, enjoy fellowship downstairs, and then join us at 11:20 for Sunday School. The Adult Class meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Elementary Class (led by Amy Pisani) in Rm 102, the Middle School Class (led by Kurt Schumacher) in Rm 209, and the High School Class (led by Eric Runion) in Rm 300. Masks are needed while moving around the building, but may be removed when seated. For January & February, Adult Sunday School will be a **Sermon Forum**, in which the elders will lead a discussion to deepen our understanding & application of the sermon scripture passage.
- The **Sunday evening devotional** at 6 PM will continue our study of 2 Timothy by looking at 2:11-13 on the theme “A Trustworthy Saying”. The **Wednesday Evening Devotional** is off this week, but will resume February 3<sup>rd</sup> with a new topical series on the Existence & Attributes of God.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** is tomorrow evening at 7 PM. The meeting will take place on Zoom, the link for which has been sent to our members. Elders Doug Giebel & Elise van der Jagt, and Deacon Samuel VanScoter will be up for reelection. The Annual Report has been distributed electronically, with printed copies available in the back of the auditorium (one per family, please). If you are not comfortable participating via Zoom, please speak with an elder to explore alternatives to enable you to take part. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we once again do what we’ve never done before!
- Ladies, Save the Date! The PNYNE's **Virtual Women's Retreat 2021** is planned for Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th. Guest Speaker Robyn Huck will offer a 3-part series, “The Comfort Zone” based on 2 Cor. 1:7-- “Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.” A plan is also being made for the ladies of Cornerstone to interact & fellowship locally during this time as well. More information & registration materials will be available soon.
- Helping with this morning’s service are: Cathy Beich, Eliot Giebel, Catharine Runion, Luke Pisani (musicians), Dan Lash (usher), Richard Backus (sound) and Tony Pisani (video).

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